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Health minister heard local concerns

By Ceilidh McClurg

Local officials met with Minister of Health, Halvar Jonson with the goal in mind to air their concerns and gain some assurance that the issues would be addressed.

All of those involved in the meeting say they feel those goals were accomplished.

Didsbury Mayor, Ray Lea said, "Halvar Jonson listened to us and we had a chance to air all of our concerns."

In addition to the voices of the municipal officials, a large handful of letters from Carstairs area seniors who were petitioning the Minister to protect the local hospital, were presented to Mr. Jonson.

In the morning, Didsbury Mayor Lea, Dave Derksen, from Mountain View County, Evan Parliament, town CAO, and Richard Dais from Carstairs council met with local MLA, Richard Marz.

Marz says he felt that the group was prepared for what was ahead of them.

The meeting was the culmination of frustrations that the municipal leaders were feeling in regards the Didsbury and District Hospital.

When word came out late last year that there would be a program review at the hospital, officials worried that the result could be catastrophic for the facility. Some believed that beds would be closed.

When some residents and local officials attempted to contact the regional health authority, they felt that they were being ignored, and chose to go beyond the health authority and straight to the Minister to call for a corporate review.

"He did hear our concerns and

mentioned many times that they were valid concerns," said Parliament.

Jonson was handed a letter from the Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona, and Mountain View County councils that formally requested a corporate review that would examine the internal operations of the health authority.

The major concern expressed by the delegates was the lack of utilization of the local hospital, despite adequate, and in some cases superior, equipment and staff. It was felt that the marketing of the hospital by the region to other centres that are experiencing a back log, such as Calgary, would address some of the problems. However, they felt the region was uncooperative, and perhaps even unwilling to secure the future of the facility.

Marz says he believes Jonson acknowledged the concerns and over the course of the time since the meeting, has been mulling around some ideas to remedy the situation.

Although he would not identify what those ideas might be, he did say that utilization was one of the keys of making the facility viable. Marketing is part of that picture.

"Ultimately, that's what we all want," said Marz.

Another concern that the councils brought to the table on behalf of residents, staff and officials was a lack of communication.

While local officials were unsure of the direction the Minister might take in the situation, all felt confident that the voices did not fall on deaf ears.

The Minister did not give any definitive answer to the delegates of his decision, but assured them that their concerns would not go unaddressed.

"We didn't expect a decision," said Parliament the day after the meeting.

"The Minister has asked us to be patient now. We've all agreed and we'll await the news," says Parliament.



TIME FOR TOURNEYS

Preparations are underway at the Didsbury Golf Club that signal the beginning of the new season. One of the improvements this year is a tournament club house under construction, that will accommodate the specific needs of tournament golfers. It will seat 80 people and expected to be completed in about a month. Anxious golfers have already been on temporary greens at the course even as preparations are ongoing. Below, the golf cart parking area is cleared for another season.



problems.

County representative, Derksen says he felt good about the communication with the Minister.

"The fact is, we had a good meeting and I am convinced Halvar was listening," said Derksen.

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Whistle won't stop soon ...and other town council notes

Whistle won't stop soon

Canadian Pacific Railway has told town office that they will not be dealing with a request to cease the blowing of the train whistle in Didsbury until after the gates are put in. In addition, after the installation is complete, CP will not examine the cessation request until at least one year after the gates are in functioning order.

Town director of operations, Wes Yeoman, says he has been in contact with CP regarding their schedule for completion of the gates a number of times, but has not yet received a concrete answer as to when the set of crossing arms on 20th Ave. will be completed.

Evan Parliament, town CAO, brought to the table a letter from resident, Harold Leslie, who presently lives along the tracks, and was the one who initially asked council to request the whistle cessation. Leslie wrote the letter describing his time in Castlegar, BC, when he served as a member of municipal politics, and what process that town went through to have the whistle stopped in their town. Parliament said the letter was very informative, and he asked that council read the correspondence, to get an idea of how they might go about getting the attention of CP.

First fire meeting

Councillors inquired when the first meeting of the newly formed Didsbury and District Fire Authority will take place. Parliament explained that once all of the necessary members have been appointed, two elected from both the county and the town, and a member-at-large from each, a meeting schedule will be deter-

mined.

The newly formed authority will jointly run the operations for fire protection in Didsbury and the county's surrounding fire protection area.

The town of Didsbury is still recruiting a member-at-large for their seat on the board.

Bylaw changes

Some wording changes were made to the bylaw that formed the Olds/Didsbury Airport Commission. The changes were more housekeeping issues, rather than actual changes to the operations of the Commission.

Borrowing bylaw

A bylaw authorizing temporary borrowing for the Town of Didsbury was passed at the council table. The bylaw is required every year so that the town has a cash flow to operate business, before taxes levied are collected from taxpayers in Didsbury. The town can now, legally, borrow the equivalent to the amount they believe they will collect at tax time which is around \$2.5 million.

Fireworks funds

The Canada Day Committee has received a shot into their activity planning for July 1. Town council has approved a \$600 contribution towards celebrations, including the fireworks display.

Competing with Canada

Two Cremona students, Kristen and Steven Tannas will be headed to the Canada Wide Science Fair in Edmonton from May 15 to 23. They asked the council to supply 10 pins to each of the four delegates who will represent central Alberta, includ-

ing the Tannas', to trade with other delegates during the event.

Stetson appointed

Scott Stetson was approved as a new member to the community services advisory board. The terms of reference for the board were changed at the last town council meeting to allow for one more member, and the board has requested that Stetson be appointed as the sixth member.

Russling appointed

John Russling is the new member on the Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board as appointed by council.

Tired of tires

Many years ago, tires at the Didsbury landfill were becoming a real burden to the staff because there was such a large pile, it was causing a serious fire hazard. In 1997, a company to haul the tires away entered into an informal agreement with the town. The town does not pay the company for the service, instead, the hauler is paid for the tire shreds during recycling, and the province also gives them an environmental stewardship grant.

Discussion occurred on this matter because another tire recycler had come into the market, and because there was no formal agreement, the competitor was allowed to also haul away tires. This caused some concern with the company with which the town had been dealing with for a couple of years, and

therefore, they requested the town sign a formal agreement with them.

The Environmental Advisory board reviewed the proposals from both companies for the deal, and decided to continue to deal with the original hauler, and the board requested the town council to approve a formal agreement. The motion to do so was carried unanimously.

Sub-lease signed

The town has agreed to formally sub-lease the land they currently lease from the county, to the Didsbury Agricultural Society. The land is where the current Livestock Stabling Facility was built, however the sublease agreement could not go through without the approval of the county. The county approved the sublease agreement, and the town will now go ahead and make the deal formal.

New librarian, familiar face

Inez Kosinski, the current Library Board Chair, submitted her resignation to the Town of Didsbury. She made the decision, as she wished to pursue the position of librarian and administrator, which had recently come up. Because of the conflict of interest, she stepped down. Kosinski was awarded the, and has accepted the new job. She said, "I believe that I can better serve the interests and needs of this library be actually working in it."

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Residents say project will limit parking



"We have a parking attitude, not a parking problem."

--Evan Parliament, committee member

By Ceilidh McClurg

Parking problems persist in the town of Didsbury, and some say a new project is just going to make them worse.

Some residents are starting to raise concerns that the proposed "Elevator Project" as it has been dubbed, will result in even more parking problems if it is located in its proposed site where the gazebo currently exists downtown. The gazebo would be removed and likely taken to the hospital park, and grass would be planted over the parking lot, and the elevator outline and accompanying park would be created.

Dorothy Moore, former town councillor and member of the Tourism and Economic Development Board says she believes people need to look beyond the enthusiastic theory of the project, and rather to the problems it would cause.

"The plan to create an icon of our past in the form of a large outline of an elevator on which a projection of our famous elevator movies can be shown is a unique and creative idea. I think it may be a good addition to our town. The wisdom and impact of the remainder of the plan is my concern," says Moore. She says she voiced these concerns at the last TEC board meeting where the project was being discussed, however she was outvoted by the rest of the membership who wanted to support the elevator project.

Committee member and town CAO, Evan Parliament disagrees with the notion that parking will be decreased.

"In fact," he says, "this project increases the number of parking stalls to the back of the building."

Parliament explains that although 19 parking stalls will be removed from the gazebo circle, 28 new stalls will be created on the east side of the current train station building.

"The committee has addressed this concern, we haven't just dismissed it," he adds. The idea is that town is pursuing leasing a small strip of land that will be used as a driveway to the stalls that would be instituted along the train tracks.

Moore and another concerned resident, say that although the parking will be replaced, it is still not appropriate parking. They say they do not believe that anyone who wishes to frequent a downtown business will be willing to park in the inconvenient spot.

Parliament agrees.

"We don't expect patrons of businesses to park there. We expect the owners and staff of businesses to park there," he says.

Parliament expands to say that many of the parking problems downtown are a result of staff and business owners parking where they should be leaving spaces to the public and patrons.

"We have a parking attitude, not a parking problem," he says, adding that many of the staff and business owners refuse to park in other spaces.

"We are asking the business community to please be sensitive to the fact that the parking on Main Street is for patrons, not for business owners," says Parliament.

At the town council meeting last week, other councillors addressed the issue because they said they were aware that some people opposed the removal of the stalls.

Coun. Gary Dolha pointed out that there are also another 50 or more new stalls created just at the edge of downtown as a result of an agreement between the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church to use a portion of that parking. Other councillors pointed out that the walk was a very short one for staff to access their business or place of employment.

Robert Wigg, town development officer, added that despite what many people know, there is a two hour parking bylaw downtown. He says he has received many complaints from people who have found that business owners and employees are taking up the prime stalls. Wigg hopes that when a new bylaw officer is hired, he or she will be able to enforce the bylaw, which would result in opening up more of the prime parking to actual customers of the downtown core.

Moore says she is certainly not opposed to bringing back the famous elevator movies, but believes there is a better way to do that. She suggests a white tarp be hung down the side of one of the still existing elevators for the projection.

"Getting more people and traffic to come to our town is the reason behind this project, wouldn't providing more public parking be a better accommodation to visitors?" she asks.

Despite the concerns, Parliament says it is his belief that they are in the minority.

He says, "The majority of the people endorse this project... It's taken on a life of its own and it will proceed."

He adds that if the Chamber of Commerce is willing to endorse the project at their meeting this week, the outcome will be clear, by next year there will be an elevator replica located where the gazebo currently sits, and business owners and employees will be parking elsewhere.

PAVEMENT PATCH

The patching trucks could be seen on many streets around Didsbury. The patch work is done every year at the beginning of spring to repair damage done to the roads during the winter freeze and the spring thaw.



Judge gives stiff sentence

By Ceilidh McClurg

A stiff sentence has been handed down by a Didsbury court judge to a man who robbed local businesses of tens of thousands of dollars of cash and equipment.

Kendall Andrew Wallace, 33, was charged with numerous counts of break and enter, in addition to possession of stolen property in relation to a number of crimes committed in the local area in the past couple of weeks.

He appeared in Didsbury Provincial Court last Wednesday and stood before the judge and plead guilty to all of the charges.

The judge, ordered a four year sentence to the criminal.

Sgt. Ron Platz of the Didsbury RCMP says it was rewarding to have such a stiff sentence handed down in the crimes.

"It was a really good sentence," he said the day after court.

But, it was just jail time that Wallace faced. Because he was unwilling to disclose the whereabouts of the stolen goods to the court, the judge also ordered \$40,000 in restitution that will be paid when Wallace is released and obtains a paying job.

Wallace was arrested a cou-

ple of weeks ago when police noted the vehicle he was driving was dragging some lumber behind it. After pulling the vehicle over, the police got suspicious and checked the footprints on his shoes, which were found to match those left at the scene of the crimes.

He was charged in relation to a break and enter at Reimers Concrete where \$30,000 in equipment was stolen, stealing \$5000 from the safe at the local AG Foods store, theft from the county yard in Cremona, and other crimes in and around Alberta.

Report angers board chair

By Ceilidh McClurg

A report released to the media outlining the top 200 failing schools in Alberta has upset the school board chairman, Roy Brassard.

Brassard addressed the report to the trustees explaining that the public may begin to question them and he wanted them to be prepared.

The Schoolworks! Inc. report showed Chinook's Edge had five schools that fell into the top fifty schools in Alberta who, in the subjects of math, biology, social studies, and English, had the highest average of students failing the courses. At DHS, the numbers revealed that they were 27th on the list. Didsbury Outreach ranked 11th in the Grade 9 schools, Cremona School ranked 12th on the list of Grade 12, Penhold School placed 46th on the Grade 6 list and Home Education out of Lacombe ranked 43rd on the list of Grade 6 listings.

Brassard said he was outraged that the report was released without any documentation to show how the results were compared, nor did it fairly represent many of the small schools who placed on the list and had only a few students writing provincial achievement tests, which seriously misrepresents the results.

"I challenge the inappropriate use of some of these provincial achievement tests and the rank-

ing of our school," he said.

"It certainly does cast a bad shadow on some of our schools, and I resent that because I am proud of our schools," Brassard added.

He told the trustees that he expected that the public would question the results, and wanted them to be prepared. Therefore, he asked the superintendent to prepare a background, including terms of reference which were lacking in the Schoolworks! Inc. report and bring it to an educational committee meeting.

He said that although he disagreed with the representation through raw statistics, "I do think it warrants a full discussion."

Last week, principal at DHS, Mark Leggette said that he was also frustrated with the report because it addressed concerns that were more than a year old, and have already been dealt with by a change in staffing, a change in curriculum, and tutoring, especially in math. He also noted that participation rates at DHS were very high and would therefore include both the higher and lower end students.

Pat St. Jean, principal at Didsbury Outreach said this week that he doesn't feel it is fair that the Schoolworks! Inc. company would publish results without terms of reference. For instance, at Didsbury Outreach, only 9 students wrote the provincial

achievement test, which creates such a small ratio that when one or two students do poorly it misrepresents the whole school. He added that seven of those nine students transferred to the Outreach school in March with grades that were already very poor, and wrote the test only weeks later. He said the measures that had been taken to aid these students to bring up their marks hadn't yet had time to take effect. For instance, when the school realized that there would be nine students in total and realized the level of their needs, they hired an additional half-time teacher to deal with their concerns.

The information gathered on this report, and the terms of reference will be brought to the board in an educational meeting, where they will discuss not only the results, but the motives that may have been behind releasing such negativity.

Didsbury High School council also discussed the report at their meeting last week. Parents also questioned the motives of Schoolworks! Inc., and said that they felt it was unfair to reflect the students at DHS in such a poor light using very raw statistics. One of the parents said that she felt there was more to an education than what was represented, and asked that the terms of reference of the report be explained by the company.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Shear courage



Ceilidh
McCLURG

Finding a hero these days may seem increasingly difficult. Perhaps that is because we are looking in all of the wrong places. Not many TV and movie stars are worthy of that title, nor are all that many sports stars.

But, we are looking too hard, there are heroes right here at home, right under our noses.

One of those people worthy of our praise is Kaitlyn Comer. She is a 10 year old girl who lived in Didsbury for many years, and has just recently moved to Olds.

Comer is brave, she is sweet, she is sincere, she is just all around a good person; all the makings of a good hero.

Comer was one of the 22 volunteers who volunteered to have her head shaved for Cancer as part of the local fundraising campaign to battle the disease. What made this little girl stand out from the crowd was the fact that at a time when peer pressure is beginning to get strong, looks are important, and girls and boys are just beginning to notice one another, Comer shaved her beautiful hair to bring in a total of almost \$700 for the cause. She had hair about to the middle of her back, and as the hairdresser shaved her head, she giggled and laughed.

Comer had not only raised a huge sum of money adding to the total of almost \$11,000 raised locally, she planned to donate her hair to the Canadian Cancer Society so that they can make wigs out of it.

In my mind, all of those people who took part in the event are special and wonderful people, but there was just something about Comer's attitude that made you want to give her a big hug and tell her that she is a hero.

I later heard through the grapevine that her fellow classmates teased her terribly, and made fun of her all day at school. She told a colleague of mine that although being teased hurt her feelings, she could take it because she knows why she did what she did.

Now, besides my automatic first reaction to want to strangle the kids who were making fun of her, it made me think.

She is so cool, not only is she a little girl, who by nature are more concerned about their hair, but she is just approaching the age when most kids are so self conscious, that they wouldn't dare be brave enough to make themselves stand out in a crowd.

It took everyone who participated a level of courage to remove their hair for cancer, but this little girl was more than courageous, she was my hero because she surely knew that some would only notice what she looked like, and not that she had raised money for a disease that had affected her family, and probably those of the people who would tease her.

There were other examples of people who took part that cared so much about the cause, that they overcame the peer pressure that surrounded them, including Lindsay Way, a 16 year old who went bald and raised tons of money for the devastating disease.

When I hear about these stories, I would like to think that, had I been asked, I would have had the courage to stand up and say I would do it. But, deep down I realize, like most other people (especially women), that I am far to vain to have actually gone under the shears.

It's sad really, especially when you examine the statistics.

For Comer, her own age group has a horrible battle with cancer. In fact, according to the Canadian Cancer Society, cancer causes more deaths among one to fourteen years olds than any other disease.

Way, and all of the other women who participated in the fundraiser are drawing their sword on the disease which attacked the bodies of more than 5000 women in Alberta in 1998 alone. It killed 2,100.

The event for everyone who participated was more than just having their locks sheared, it was shear courage.



Thompson states position on UA

By Myron Thompson, MP

In 1987, an individual named Stan Bengston came to my house and told me about a new idea for a new Canada. As I had become very disillusioned with the Mulroney government, whom I had helped to get elected in 1984, I was filled with new hope and was quick to join the Reform Party of Canada.

I worked for our candidate in 1988 and was disappointed we had come so close, yet failed. The Reform Party, nevertheless, brought new, revitalized hope to my heart. In 1989, 1990, and 1991 I spread the word about Reform, and began to believe in it so strongly that, after being encouraged by friends, I decided to seek the nomination in 1992 and ended up being the candidate in 1993.

My hopes and dreams reached a new high in 1993 when 51 other Reform MPs met me in Ottawa that fall. When we formed the Official Opposition in 1997 I was really flying high. The vision that Preston Manning described was coming ever so clear. Although in 1997 we sent no representatives to Ottawa from Ontario, we did receive nearly a million votes. This I felt was a very strong foundation on which we could build. The number of votes we received in Ontario exceeded that of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba combined, and we did make significant gains in all three of those provinces.

I felt really good after the 1997 election and was reminded

of a quote made by our leader, Preston Manning, in 1994: "If

Reformers will keep the future well-being of Canada and Canadians uppermost in our minds and hearts, the future of the Reform Party will take care of itself." I had no hesitation to accept a wager from an old friend, who is an avid Tory, when he stated that we would never form the government.

Since the introduction of the United Alternative in 1998, and the convention in Feb. of 1999, I have avoided taking a public position on the founding of a new party. Having listened carefully to the debate, and having studied the 19 page report from Preston Manning, I am prepared

tonight to state my position.

If the proposed new party is going to keep Reform policies and principles, why do we need it? If they are not going to keep our principles then why would we want it? No one wants to get rid of the Liberal dictatorship more than I. However, I believe that the way to do that is to remember what we are all about, stay the course, and they will come. Having made this statement, I can not support the United Alternative, as I believe we are the alternative. God bless the Reform Party of Canada!

Having made this statement, I will of course, as I have done in the past, honour and respect the wishes of our membership.

Wonderings of the heart

Our English language

By Margaret Fradley

We all need more humor in our lives. Hopefully the following little anecdote will cause you to smile.

The English language, at times can be complicated and confusing.

If I was to tell you that as I was driving on 2A highway between Didsbury and Olds during the time of the road construction and a 'cat' moved out in front of me. What would you think of? A small harmless lost pussy cat, or a heavy piece of machinery?

There are many similar illustrations.

Recently we had friends visiting us from Edmonton and as we ate lunch and visited, he suddenly turned to me and asked, "Did you have a shower this morning?"

For a moment I was taken aback, thinking it a strange question to ask. Was it my deodorant? But as we were good friends, it didn't bother me too much and I answered, "Well, no, actually I had a bath this morning".

At this he burst out laughing, saying "I meant, did it rain here this morning because we had a good shower in Edmonton!"

How easy it is to misunderstand, or be misunderstood as we share with others.

English can be tricky!

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Nutritionist questions health article's arguments

Dear Editor,

I am the Regional Community Nutritionist for Health Authority #5 and I am writing to respond to the article by Hale N. Harty in your March 17, 1999 edition. The article was titled, "Healthful Information: Do you know what you eat?". As a registered dietitian, some of the messages stated in this article were disturbing to me.

First, the author makes a lot of claims and presents a variety of scientific data, which is not backed up with any references. For example, the comments made about nocturnal killer cells and lipid units are not backed up by references from a scientific peer-reviewed journal. Also, the author does not state his professional background. He does however give a nice sales pitch for herbal products, which makes one wonder if he has a vested interest in the herbal product industry. Although some herbal products may have beneficial outcomes they, like any other drug, react chemically in

the body. Because of this Health Canada and the Food & Drug Administration recently recommended the testing of herbal products to ensure safety and prove effectiveness.

There are several other messages in the article that I disagree with. There are as follows:

1) Aspartame and margarine are not directly linked to any of the diseases stated. If you called the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society office they will tell you that there is no scientific evidence to link aspartame with MS.

2) You could purchase organic foods and purify your water but there is really no need to. Canada's food and water supply is one of the safest in the world.

3) Fruits and vegetables are as nutritious as they were 30 years ago (i.e. an apple is an apple). They are an excellent source of vitamins, minerals, phyto-chemicals, and soluble fibre that are needed for good health.

4) Everyone does not need a

natural supplement. All the nutrition we need to keep our body "well oiled" can be achieved by following Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating.

Mr. Harty does make some points that I do agree with. The human body does need right food (fuel) to run properly and be healthy. The current North American diet made up of fast food and high fat does have a negative affect on health and because of this we do need to focus on prevention and health promotion. Nutrition is a key component of this, however, the suggestions the author makes are of an extreme nature. "Radical changes" are not necessary to achieve a healthy lifestyle. By eating lots of fruits, vegetables and grain products, watching your fat intake, being physically active, not smoking, and limiting your alcohol, salt, and caffeine intake you will be well on your way to a healthy lifestyle.

The final thought I would like

to leave you with is that the best source of nutrition information is a registered dietitian with university training and practical experience. The public can contact a registered dietitian for the Didsbury area by calling 335-9393 or 310-0000 then 934-3454. I trust that in the future this paper will only publish articles by appropri-

ately educated authors. It is your responsibility as a paper to ensure your public receives factual and accurate information, especially on a topic as important as health.

Sincerely,
Carla Kramer, RD
Regional Community
Nutritionist
Health Authority #5

Notes from Nigeria: The Cup

Dan and Janet Snyder are Didsburians who are missionaries in Nigeria. They are working at a school in Jos, Nigeria for the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada, and Dan is teaching math and English, while Janet runs the library for the whole school.

Dear Family and Friends,

This has been an exciting week. For the last couple of weeks Nigeria has been hosting the World Cup Under Twenty Soccer competition. The games have been played in several cities including Bauchi, just an hour-and-a-half drive from Jos. There was a game on Sunday afternoon with the US playing. Several people from the Hillcrest community decided to go. As more and more heard about it, more decided to go. So immediately after lunch they left. As it turned out, there were two games being played that day, one at 4:00 and the other at 7:00. There were over 100 people from the Hillcrest community at the games. Most found someplace to stay in the Bauchi area but the accommodations were less than ideal, with 35 people in one house. They each had their space on the floor but not much more room than what their sleeping bag would occupy. They left Bauchi the next morning at 5:45 in order to get back in time for school. We had some very tired students that day. One group came back to Jos after the second game. One of the men in their party knew the governor of Bauchi State who provided them with a police escort all the way to Jos. Tired as they were the kids had a great time. It has been a chance of a lifetime for some of our students. Many of them got a chance to meet with the US players after the games.

Seeing this level of competition has encouraged some of them to play soccer.

Friday night is usually a time when we relax after the week at School. Around 6:30 Dan took malaria medicine because he had a headache, a sure sign that he had malaria. Shortly afterwards, our next-door neighbor came and asked to borrow a flashlight. Her cat was acting strangely, indicating that something was in the bedroom. With the flashlight and a heavy stick (that we keep on hand) we went to investigate. The cat refused to go back in the bedroom and just howled at the door trying to get outside. With much trepidation, Dan and Susie started investigating. Susie heard a rustling of plastic and turned in time to see part of a snake as it slithered away. Susie is terrified of snakes. Dan went to call the guards and another neighbor. Soon there were four men with big sticks tearing Susie's house apart (with her permission and help) trying to find the snake. Drawers were removed and dumped on the floors, furniture moved around and finally the snake was found and dispatched (beaten to death with a stick). It was about as big around as a man's thumb and about a meter long. The cat had been very wise not to try to take on the snake and still did not want to be in the house even after the snake was removed. Susie was left with blood on her floor and a mess in her house. She chose to go visit friends and stayed the night with them.

Friday was an exciting day for the high school. The 11th and 12th grade banquet took place that night so the grade 11 students had the day off to set up and decorate. Grade 12 had a half day off to get ready for the banquet (get hair done etc.) The staff de-

cided that we wouldn't get much work done with on the grade 9 and 10 students so a service project was organized for the afternoon. It was not mandatory but only two students did not participate. One has a reputation for being very lazy and the other had to leave for Kaduna at 2:30 and the kids wouldn't return from the service project until 4:00.

The students went to the school for the deaf and cleaned and painted the school. They came back tired, smelling like petrol (used for cleaning brushes) and feeling satisfied about having done a good job. It was nice to see that many willing to get hot and sweaty doing something for someone else.

Sincerely,
Dan and Janet Snyder

Coming together for a great cause

Dear Editor,

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank-you to a long list of people who made the "Shave Your Head for Cancer" Campaign a huge success.

First, is a huge thank-you to Bernie Kaupp. I came very close to biting off more than I could chew with this. Bernie made this piece of pie quite a bit smaller and a whole lot easier to handle. He was my legs during this campaign, talking to business owners, picking up door prizes, and going the extra mile to get as many prizes as we did. Thank-you to the participants who gave their time to go around and collect pledges and gave of their hair. Obviously, this would not have worked without them. Thank-you to the merchants of the town who donated door prizes. We ended up with fifty-five door prizes for the sponsors. The prize winners seemed most grateful. Thank-you to the Trade Show Committee for working with me to schedule stage times for the head shaves. Also, for doing such a wonderful job of promoting this event. Thank-you to my staff, who has put up with added phone calls, added paper work and added responsibilities while this whole campaign was going. Thank-you to The Didsbury Review and Q91 who also did an incredible job with promotion. Included in these two businesses is Gene Hartmann, Ceilidh McClurg, Rob Brown, Nicole Murphy and Danny Butler. Thank-you to Claude for being such a good sport with my jokes on stage, Gord for the use of his clippers, Gene for playing along with being such a chicken, Derek and Tony for putting on a small act and Kaitlyn for her bravery, integrity and amazing outlook. Finally, thank-you to the sponsors of the participants. My goal was to raise \$10,000. You exceeded my expectations by making \$11,000. I am thrilled, excited, amazed and stunned by this amount. Once again, thank-you to all those involved, hopefully our donation will bring us one step closer to finding a cure to this devastating disease.

Sincerely;
Joanne M. Braun

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New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 20-99	1214 - 15 Avenue	Modular Home	R2
DP 21-99	1904 - 20 Street	Change of use - commercial	C1
HO 08-99	2022 - 20 Avenue	Signage	R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on May 5, 1999.
Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

Weight Restrictions Effective March 26, 1999

A 75% gross weight restriction will be in effect on the following truck routes within the Town of Didsbury:
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Council Meeting
May 5, 1999
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Report from the Legislature: a busy session

From the office of Richard Marz, Olds/Didsbury/Three Hills MLA

Consultations on legislation for intensive livestock operations to be extended

In Agriculture news, Ed Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development announced Mar. 29, 1999, that further consultations will take place on the proposed legislation governing intensive livestock operations.

The postponement will allow for stakeholders to see the full package of proposed draft legislation, regulations and standards document together. The decision was made after a recommendation was made by the Livestock Regulations Stakeholder Advisory Group (L.R.S.A.G.).

The L.R.S.A.G. will be meeting to continue discussing the results of the latest consultations and encourages interested parties to work with the committee and its members. The Group wants to make sure that when it next consults with producers, municipalities and the public that the complete legislative package, including Acts, regulations and standards, is available for review.

Committee struck to review education property tax

An MLA committee will review the way education taxes are collected in Alberta and is expected to make recommendations to Municipal Affairs Minister Iris Evans on how to improve the education property tax system later this spring.

The committee will evaluate what is the best education tax system for property taxpayers in Alberta. The evaluation coincides with other timely circumstances, since the government has achieved its objective of a provincial uniform education tax rate of a below 7 mill rate, and all residential property is assessed based on market value.

The committee will also review the recommendations made in a report prepared by 10 municipal administrators from high growth communities and education property tax issues raised during the public consultation last fall on farm assessment and taxation.

The three-member committee includes committee chair Banff-Cochrane MLA Janis Tarchuk, Calgary-Glenmore MLA Ron Stevens and Calgary-Northwest MLA Greg Melchin. A preliminary report will be completed by June 1999.

New committee for selecting provincial judges

The five members of a new nominating committee for selecting provincial court judges were announced Mar. 9, 1999 by Justice Minister Jon Havelock. The committee will make recommendations to the Justice Minister on all future appointments to the bench. Having this nominating committee as part of the appointment process makes it more transparent and responsive to the concerns of Albertans, by allowing Albertans a greater role in the selections of judges.

The nominating committee will make its recommendations from a list of qualified candidates provided by Judicial Coun-

cil. Judicial Council, which screens provincial court judge applications, is a representative body of the Provincial Court, Court of Queen's Bench, Alberta Court of Appeal, the Law Society of Alberta and two persons appointed by the Minister of Justice.

The provincial court nominating committee consists of four public members and one member from the legal profession. A nominating committee to advise the Minister on judicial appointments was recommended by the Judicial Selection Process Review Committee last fall. It was co-chaired by former Chief Judge Edward Wachowich and Marlene Graham, Q.C. MLA for Calgary-Lougheed.

Government empowers Albertans on use of notwithstanding clause

The power of deciding when to use the notwithstanding clause is in the hands of Albertans. The Alberta Government decided Mar. 18, 1999, that in the future, a province-wide referendum plus a vote in the Legislative Assembly will be required before a decision is made to use the clause.

A decision to use the notwithstanding clause is taken as a serious matter. This move ensures a clear process that puts the decision where it belongs - with the people of Alberta. In the future, no provincial government will be able to arbitrarily take away the rights of any Albertans by voting behind closed doors to use the notwithstanding clause. A referendum guarantees that all Albertans will have a say in those important decisions.

This important step is a direct outcome of the findings of a Ministerial Task Force set up by the Premier following the Supreme Court decision in the Delwin Vriend case. Members of the Government Caucus have reviewed the recommendations of the Ministerial Task Force Report and decided to:

1. Enact legislation which states

* The Government must hold a referendum prior to introducing legislation which contains the notwithstanding clause and must act consistently with the results of that referendum;

* If the results of the referendum opposed the use of the notwithstanding clause, then legislation would be introduced;

* If the results supported the use of the clause, then legislation would be introduced;

* The Legislative Assembly would then decide whether to pass the introduced legislation.

2. Review all of the issues and develop a set of principles that would serve as a foundation or guide for future decisions that may need to be made regarding the government's involvement in family and personal relationships.

3. Pursue the following actions on six issues relating to homosexual men and women and same sex couples:

Marriage - Federal law presently allows for marriage only between a man and a woman. The Alberta Government supports the status quo and would oppose any legal challenges to this law, including, if available, use of the notwithstanding clause.

(In the case of marriage, use of the notwithstanding clause would be exempt from a referendum).

Education - Provincial curriculum and resource material should not include anything promoting homosexual relationships. Local school boards may establish policies on teaching materials and courses of study regarding sexual education (Status quo). Input from their school councils should be encouraged (Status quo). Parents must be advised by local school boards of the nature and content of sexual education materials.

Employee benefits - Take no action to prevent employers and employees from negotiating same-sex spousal benefits. Current collective agreements with Alberta Government employees do not provide for spousal benefits for same-sex partners. Consideration of this issue should be done through the collective bargaining process.

Benefits for common law couples - Development of the policy framework will also include a review of the issue of providing benefits for common law and same sex couples. This review would involve consideration of the registered domestic partnership concept.

Foster parenting - Government policy will clearly state that placements are made on the basis of what is in the best interests of the child.

Adoption - Government does not support adoption of children

who are permanent wards of the Crown by gay men and women or by same sex couples except where it is the best interests of the child.

With respect to private adoptions, the Child Welfare Act will be amended to reflect what is in the best interests of the child.

Copies of the Task Force Report and highlights of the research findings are available on request and are posted in the Internet at <http://www.gov.ab.ca/>

As the MLA for the Olds/Didsbury/Three Hills, I am always available to assist constituents.

If you have any questions about, *Livestock Operations, Education Property Taxes, Governance Framework Options, Provincial Court Judge Selections, the Notwithstanding Clause* or any other issues, I can be reached in my constituency office at 556-3132, or in Edmonton at 415-0988.

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Douglas Martinson and Daniel Harder are pleased to announce that Alysa Hartwig has joined their full-service law firm as an Associate in the practice of law.



Alysa was born and raised on a farm outside of Innisfail, where her family continues to farm. Alysa moved to the West Coast to pursue her post-secondary studies, obtaining her Bachelor's degree and her Law degree at the University of Victoria. Alysa established her practice at one of Victoria's leading law firms. After 14 years on the Coast, Alysa returned to Alberta with her husband and children where they established their own family farm outside of Olds.

Alysa brings with her experience in all areas of the law, with a particular focus on Family Law, Wills and Estates and Civil Litigation. Her background in Victoria combined with her knowledge of farming provides Alysa with an excellent understanding of the legal needs of both the urban and rural communities.

Alysa is looking forward to meeting and serving the residents of Olds and surrounding areas. You can contact Alysa at:

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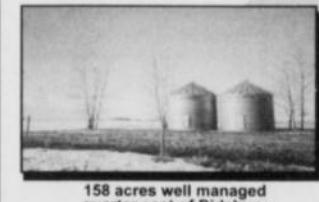
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Minister has words of disappointment for Olds council

"The people of Olds deserve the very best in local government and nothing less, as do all Albertans."

-- Municipal Affairs Minister Iris Evans

In a meeting with the Town of Olds council today, Municipal Affairs Minister Iris Evans expressed her "extreme disappointment" in the operation of both the council and administration of the Town of Olds.

She travelled to Olds to deliver the findings of Municipal Affairs' investigation into the operations of the council and administration, and gave ministerial direction through a 21 point action plan. "All councillors have a responsibility to their municipality as required by legislation.

Councils as a whole must also conduct themselves in a manner that is in the best interests of the entire community. This responsibility should not be taken lightly," said Evans.

"Administrations too must share in the responsibility to conduct business appropriately and in the interest of the public," added Evans. "Administrations who cannot, or are unwilling to provide the best advice to councils should not continue to serve a municipality."

The investigation found that the council and administration of the Town of Olds have acted in an irregular manner. Failure to comply with the directions of the minister could result in the dismissal of council as a whole, any member of council or the chief administrative officer.

The 21 point plan states that, effective immediately, council must meet at least twice a month; make all municipal decisions at official meetings of council by resolution or bylaw in accordance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA); and eliminate its portfolio assignments.

The chief administrative officer is directed to ensure monthly financial control reports are submitted to council, and adequately prepare council for council meetings as outlined in the MGA.

The council and chief administrative officer must report semi-monthly to the Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs on the progress being made to implement the ministerial directions. A summary of the semi-monthly report is also to be made available to the residents of Olds.

The inspection was done by Municipal Affairs after a resolution was passed at a special meeting of the Town of Olds council Feb. 12, 1999.

The resolution requested, "the Minister of Municipal Affairs...appoint an investigative team to investigate the matters of the Town of Olds that have lead to the Town of Olds impasse."

The entire inspection report and 21 point plan is available through the internet at <http://www.gov.ab.ca/ma>.



RCMP Notes



Second B&E at Carstairs Golf Course in last few months

The Carstairs Golf Course is the latest in local area businesses to find that they have lost thousands of dollars in equipment into the hands of thieves. On Tuesday, April 13, suspects broke into the Golf Club and stole between \$25,000 and \$30,000 worth of golf clubs and other related equipment.

Neither is this the first time the club has been broken into in recent months. They were also victims of a break and enter on Nov. 21 last year when about \$16,000 worth of golf paraphernalia was removed from the premises.

Police have no suspects in either incident and are asking the public for their assistance. Anyone with information is asked to call Crimestoppers or the Didsbury RCMP at 335-3382.

YO-YO GO-GO
Students at Westglen School demonstrated that Yo-Yo is all the rage again. The kids were participating in a yo-yo contest put on by their students council. One of the more popular tricks was "Rocking the baby" as seen at right. One student even demonstrated his yo-yo know how on a homemade toy.



Olds Fish and Wildlife officer charged by Sundre RCMP

By Ceilidh McClurg

Police will say little about what lead to charges being laid against the Fish and Wildlife Officer in Olds.

The officer is facing two charges of common assault, police announced Monday.

The investigation into Ly-

ons began as a result of a phone call to police from a Sundre area resident who complained that Lyons had been involved in assaulting victims.

The alleged crimes took place during the hunting season near Sundre on Nov. 11 and 30.

Police are not willing to release names, nor any further details of what lead up to the assault, or the complaints that were filed.

Wildlife Officer, Richard Lyons is scheduled to appear in Didsbury Provincial Court on May 26 at 10 a.m.

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Museum musings

By Marg Weaver

Another successful "Trade Fair" has gone by.

Our Booth was well received, Dale and Denise did a great job of presenting the Museum. Our little contest seems to be a real crowd pleaser. Congratulations to Betty Elliot, our winner.

We are going to have a busy year doing some fund raising, promoting our Museum to everyone, locals and visitors alike.

We will be open all through the Senior Games. Our next project is the Plant Sale. We will be finalizing the details of this at our next meeting on Apr. 21 at 7 p.m.

Once again I extend an invitation to everyone to come to this meeting, give us your ideas on how we can make our Museum more efficient and self reliant. Let us take advantage of the land east of the Museum during the sunny months of summer, there is much potential there for a great season.

We hope the people that visited our Booth at the Trade Fair, had their curiosity peaked to come and see what we have for them at the Museum itself. People that do visit us are surprised at how many displays we have.

Don't forget our first Thurs. Teas, sorry I made a mistake with the date in Apr. It should have been the 1 not the 8. April kind of snuck in the back door of my thoughts, but I've really checked on the next one, it is May 6. See you there.

We are in dire need of a couple more Board members between resignations and moves we are short of people on our Board. It will give you a chance to help us in our endeavours, your only definite commitment is to attend meetings on the 3 Wed. of each month, your volunteer time apart from that is up to you. We do have a work night on Mondays which is often hard to organize but a good time to get a lot of the work done that goes into making our Museum the best we can make it.

We are a pretty informal group, but we all have our Museum at heart. Come to a meeting and maybe we can help you decide to join us.

Many of us have been on this Board for a long time and we feel it is time for some fresh faces, remember Board members don't have to be just old timers, we welcome young people to join us too. Museums are for everyone, come and pump some energy into this "Old School House".



DINERS AT DINNER

Diners lined up to get a bite to eat at the Didsbury Anglican Church dinner on Saturday night. The fundraiser is usually held twice a year, in the spring and again in the fall. Just under 100 people came for the dinner during two sittings.

South-west Didsbury: signs of spring

By Bessie Eckstrand

Sympathy of the area goes to the Eckstrand - Fosset families of Didsbury, Carstairs, Calgary and Medicine Hat as great niece, daughter, sister and friend. Brenda Jean Armey of Calgary passed away Apr. 1, 1999 in a Calgary Hospice at the age of 49 yrs. Funeral services were held at Piersons Funeral Home S.E. Calgary, with Internment in Mountain View Memorial Gardens on Garden Road, east Calgary.

Area would like to welcome new comers Lorna and

Niall Richmond and three children, Iain 16 yrs., Grant 14 yrs., and Catriona 12 yrs., who have purchased the acreage of Debbie and Lester Block, (formerly Tittsworth) on the Westcott Rd.

Lorna and Niall immigrated from S.W. Scotland 2 yrs ago, lived in Didsbury until they recently purchased the acreage. Niall is a mechanic and has his

own shop on the acreage and Lorna is a special needs teacher, but at the moment is a home mother. We hope you folks will soon get acquainted with the friendly area people.

Congratulations and best wishes of the area go to the Newlyweds - Larry Hunsperger and Glenda Levagood (nee Wood) who were married Mar. 21, 1999 at Trochu Lutheran Church, with Pastor Larry Lentz officiating. The couple holidayed in Vancouver for a week before moving to their

farm (the Hunsperger family farm) 1 1/2 miles S.W. of Didsbury. Glenda works in Cremona and Larry is a busy fellow, gravel hauling, butchering and farming. Best of luck to you folks.

Best wishes of the area go to Joan Hunsperger, who recently had a cornea transplant in her eye. We hope everything goes well Joan.



Bessie ECKSTRAND

A 60th wedding anniversary congratulations go to Emmerson and Gladys McInnes of Didsbury and formerly of the west country, who celebrated on Apr. 13, 1999 by the neighbors coming in for anniversary cake and coffee.

Then on Fri. Apr. 16 their family met at The Flames Restaurant in Olds for an Anniversary Supper. They lived on the Family McInnes Farm' west of Didsbury since 1939. They have two daughters Lorna Reese (late husband John) and Rhonda Roberts and husband Brian who were on the family farm and the couple have five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Emmerson and Gladys returned to Didsbury 25 years ago, they enjoyed the farm but illness made it necessary to quit. They enjoy town life and are both quite well. Area wishes them many happy years ahead.

Knox U.C.W. ladies met at unit 4 of the Didsbury Hospital for a Birthday Tea on Wed. Apr. 14 for ice cream and cookies and all enjoyed visiting and the entertainment of piano music and singing. Tables were tastefully decorated with

yellow daffodils which made for a very festive afternoon.

Birthday Club will be held Wed. Apr. 28 at the home of Shelley Peters (Clayton Farm) all ladies of the area are welcome to attend.

People are busy trimming lawns, trees and grafting. Reminds me of about 15 years ago my apple tree developed "Fire Blight", and I cut off each limb as they deteriorated from the trunk out. I phoned around to see if anything could be done. Finally the whole tree was cut down. Then two years later a branch was affected on my crab apple tree. So I decided I would see what was inside. There was about six inches of branch that was turning a red brown, and it looked like it had been scorched by fire, not clear around the branch, so I took my sharp knife and cut into it and found a brown syrupy tar like stuff was creeping along the branch. So I cut it out, whittled the rest of the burned area off and filled it with pine tar. Good luck or something, it didn't spread and my tree still lives.

Art show highlights lots of local artists' talent

The 46 Annual Art Show and Sale had some added interest this year, with a larger than usual entry of paintings and drawings in the adult section. As well, there were more pictures in the contributors group, with three new people joining the group. Guest artist was Doreen Curniski from Olds.

Following are the results of the judging in the Junior section and the awards. Class awards did not always have a first and a second award, if the judges felt the work did not warrant that placing.

A Section: under 11 years of age.

Pencil:
1st - Staci Hull;
3rd - Jillian Tyler;
Watercolor:
1st - Jessica Steckley
3rd - Lindsay Miller
Mixed Media:
2nd - Jillian Tyler
B Section: ages 11 to 14
Pencil:
1st - Meagan Neufeld
2nd - Stacey Jensen
3rd - Lance Mullen
Merit - Alia Hurst
Pen and Ink:
1st - Micheal Whalen
2nd - Lance Mullen
Merit - Alia Hurst
Color Pencil:

3rd - Lance Mullen
Merit - Stacey Jensen
Pastel:
2nd - Troy Tucker
Mixed Media:
2nd - Daniel McDougall
3rd - Randy Niessen
Oils:
2nd - Melissa Moureau
C Section: age 15 to 18
Pastel:
1st - Katie Ahlf
2nd - Kent Mullen
3rd - Katie Ahlf
Scratch Board:
1st - Chantelle Wilshusen
2nd - Chrystal Wilshusen
3rd - Kristine Dahl
Merit - Kristine Dahl

Pencil:
1st - Mackenzie Russell
2nd - Chantelle Wilshusen
3rd - Chrystal Wilshusen
Color Pencil:
1st - Carolyn Vogel
Acrylic:
1st - Carolyn Vogel
Oil:
1st - Kent Mullen
2nd - Kristine Dahl
3rd - Kristine Dahl
Merit - Kent Mullen
Merit - Mackenzie Russell
Merit - Chrystal Wilshusen
Best of show:
Katie Ahlf
Peoples Choice Award,
given by ballot,
Juniors:

Carolyn Vogel
Adults:
Sandy Farr
The porcelain display was very well received with a very diverse selection of jewelry, tiles and plates. The porcelain rose bowl was won by Trevor Traub of Trail, B.C.

An added feature to the Junior Show this year, were the judges' comment slips on each picture. This was well received by the Junior Artists and cut down the lengthy adjudication. This will continue to be featured in future shows. Thanks go to Elsie Archer for including this and her work in preparation and presentation.

Dragon's Den: The symphony

Welcome to the Dragon's Den. There was a name missed in the Honor Roll section of the last edition of the Dragon's Den. Stacey Luft-Haeberle was forgotten, and we'd like to apologize for this mistake and recognize her achievements at this time.

Our Explore the World experience just before the Easter Break was a wonderful success and we had a great turnout from parents. The grade 9s would like to extend their appreciation to all those who did attend and especially to Mrs. Laurin who spent the entire day with us.

The countdown for Grad 1999 is on. The Grad's Decoration Committee began meeting last Wed. Apr. 14 and will begin their work in the upcoming weeks. Weekly Grad meetings are also taking place - so there will be a newsletter distributed in the near future. We are also asking the students to hand in their music choices to Nic A.S.A.P. Grads are expected to attend Grand March practices which will run from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for five consecutive Mondays starting on Apr. 19. There is also a Parent Executive Meeting scheduled for Wed. Apr. 21 and a Decorations Committee Meeting on Wed. Apr. 28. Both meetings will begin at 7 p.m. One last reminder, grad families must R.S.V.P. for the banquet by Apr. 16.

A grade nine badminton tournament was held in Didsbury on Apr. 15, results will follow next week. The Senior tournament is scheduled for Apr. 22 in Didsbury. The Junior High Turnney is Apr. 24 in Three Hills, and the Senior Zones Tournament will be held in Brooks on May 1. Good luck to all the teams.

Kelly Berreth, DHS's P.P.C. and the P.P.C. from Hugh Sutherland School are offering a free presentation on "Living in Harmony With Your Teenager" at Hugh Sutherland on Tues. Apr. 20 at 7 p.m. For more information in this program or to register for it, contact Kelly Berreth at the school (335-3356). This program is a workshop designed to provide parents with tools and peer support in helping them preserve the parent/teen relationship, and is very worthwhile.

The annual Lip Sync/Talent Show is to be held on Apr. 22. Each day the rules are being read during the Announcements, so most students know the rules - if

not they can speak to the Student Council for further information. Please, write this date on your calendar and join us - we think it will be great fun.

In the band world the senior concert band is working diligently on the Star Wars Symphony for our Concert with the Central Memorial Band on May 19. Parents should look for a newsletter and more information about this event in the next couple of days. We are excited about this opportunity to play with well over a hundred other musicians from Calgary. Preparations are well underway for our end of year Parade of Pops' concert June 1. For this concert we will be sharing the stage with a massed community band. If you are interested there will be two rehearsals here at DHS on May 11 and May 25 at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All interested players old and young are invited to come and play. If you let Mr. Wegner know ahead of time he will get you copies of the music that we will be playing before the end of Apr. This should be an exciting opportunity for everyone to get involved in, hope to see you either in the band or in the audience for the concert. On Apr. 29 the grade nines will be taking a field trip to Red Deer College, in order to attend the "Economics of Staying in School" seminar. They will be participating in games, discussion and

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On May 5, DHS will be holding a Grade Nine Parent Information Evening. Topics covered in this discussion will include Grade Nine Camp, Student Course Selections, and the Integrated Occupational Program. To find out where and when, contact the school.

On May 11, Grade 9 will be meeting with Grade 8 to discuss moving up to "the big school," and though out that week, students will select courses for the 1999-2000 school year. This is only an initial request and revisions will be made after these selections.

One last reminder that Apr. 23 is a 9 for 10 day, so there will be no school. Also the annual May Monarch will run from May 5 to 14. Have a nice week.

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Spruce Ridge Christian School

By Kevin Sheppard

Exciting things are happening at Spruce Ridge these days. The school is located on property owned by Rivers Edge Camping Ministry - operators of James River Bible Camp and Elkton Valley Camp. Rivers Edge itself is the camping ministry of the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada. Construction of a brand new camp has begun on the property, not far from our school building. In fact, when the camp is finished it will be all around the school! Spruce Ridge has already benefited from the project with upgrades to our power and water services, but the biggest benefit is our alliance with a wide reaching well established Christian Ministry.

Spruce Ridge is now accepting applications for fall registration ECS to Grade 12. If you'd like an information package or have any questions, please call Ms. Dorothy Moore, School Principal at 637-2449. Otherwise come by the school. Every Wednesday afternoon we hold an informal open house - all we ask is that you call ahead. To find the school, drive 3 miles west from Highway 22 on the Water Valley Road (Highway 579), then 1.5 miles north, and another half mile west. Watch for the signs.

Some people think it takes a lot of money to send their children to private school. That's not true in our case. We welcome children (from families with at least one Christian parent) regardless of the family financial situation. For your information, monthly tuition is \$140 for your first child, \$120 for your second, \$100 for your third, with no additional charge for the rest. ECS costs \$300 for the entire year. If you're not sure you can afford tuition, let us know. We'll find a way to help. Please don't let finances get in the way of your decision for Christian education.

We're sad to say Mr. Lynn Reid has decided to step down as School Board Chairman. It was Lynn's vision that brought a private Christian School to the Cremona/Water Valley area. After school startup, Lynn's intent was to be deeply involved in operations until the school was up and running smoothly. After two years of operation, with God's help, we've made it! Lynn has now stepped down, but continues to be a supporter of the school. Blessings and thanks to Lynn - without his vision, there would be no Spruce Ridge Christian School.

Our next event will be Graduation. We are pleased to announce three of our students will be graduating this year - Spruce Ridge's first graduates! Graduation ceremonies will be held at the Cremona Congregational Church on May 20, 1999. If you'd like to come, please contact the school for an invitation.

Many thanks to those who came out and supported our silent auction in March. The event was a big success and raised almost \$20,000 for the school.

Words from Westglen

By Katrina Saina and Christine Ta

Spring break is over and we are three quarters of the way through the 1998/1999 school year! Our students had a busy week before Easter -- the ski trip to Fortress was successful and the weather was beautiful!

Our 70's dance was a blast with great decorations and prizes. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who were our chaperones.

Big congratulations to Jessica Romanow 6c for earning the bronze medal in the Regional Science Fair held recently in Red Deer. Jessica also won the Atomic Energy of Canada Award. Her project was "What is Acid Rain?" Well done, Jessica.

Mrs. Nickel our school librarian reports that a total of \$1234.66 was raised at our recent book fair and we able to buy \$688.94 worth of books for our library. She would

like to thank all the people who supported the book fair and especially Steve Fillmore for helping.

There are some exciting events planned for students in April and May. The first annual yo-yo competition was held on Fri. Apr. 16 and a face painting day is planned for Apr. 20. Students are to come to school with face painted and prizes will be awarded. Back by popular demand Westglen student council committee has planned another lip-sync and talent show. Look for date in our next issue.

Westglen's annual showcase is planned for Wed. May 12. This is an evening of activities and displays to celebrate Westglen students and their achievements. Watch for further details.

Mr. O is again coaching our badminton teams and they hosted the county tournament on Fri. Apr. 16. Thank you to everyone who supported our teams.

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For further information contact:

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Public Speaking Preparations

Jessica Romanow and another member of the local Girl's Club nervously prepare for the public speaking portion of the Girl's Club Achievement Day held last weekend in the basement of the Olds United Church. The girls also competed in categories such as handicrafts, sewing, baking, art and photography. Many local residents were asked to participate in the judging.

Results of the Achievement day were not known, not even to the girls, as they will be awarded their honors at an awards banquet on May 2.

Photo By Gene Hartmann

Bancroft Women's Institute

The April meeting of the Bancroft Women's Institute was held in Didsbury at the home of Jean Swanson with 11 members and one guest in attendance. The opening song, Springtime in the Rockies, heralded a beautiful afternoon. For Roll Call, members traded house cleaning tips - just in time for spring cleaning!

Everyone enjoyed the Husband's Supper held at Midway School in March - great food and a very inspiring video about a northern Alberta medical pioneer, Dr. Mary Jackson. Pins were presented to five members - Membership pins to two new members, Susan Page and Debbie Swanson; a 25 year pin to Pat Vantetering; 35 year pin

to Elsie Brander and 45 year pin to Jean McCulloch.

Pat reported that a new roof will be put on one of the toilets at Midway Park. Campers caused a grass fire at the park April 8 but it was extinguished with the help of Carstairs Fire Department before it did too much damage. CAMPERS BEWARE! Conditions are so dry, and with the winds we've been having, a spark can easily ignite a grass fire. We may not be so lucky next time!

The Didsbury Constituency Conference will be April 20 at the Cremona Congregational Church. There will be speakers on Living Wills and Women's Wisdom, as well Handicraft and Home Ec. competitions. June

Lore was appointed delegate. The Alberta Women's Institutes conference is scheduled for June 9 and 10.

Jean McCulloch, Agriculture convenor, gave a very interesting presentation on Boer goats and showed pictures. Marj Fisher won the Hostess' tea prize. A tasty lunch was served by Lila Kurtz and Pat Vantetering.

Next meeting will be June 10, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Pat Vantetering. Visitors welcome!

Whom do they really believe?

The following question was asked in the July 1998 Vector poll: If you heard conflicting or different views about education policy, which one of these would you be most inclined to believe?

The answer was fascinating. Across the country, 33.7% of respondents said they would believe the leaders of teachers' unions, 22.1% said they would believe business leaders and other employers and 21.6% said they would believe the minister of education.

The figures for Alberta were a little different. Business did not do as well, but both the teachers' leader and the minister did better than the national average. The breakdown showed that 36.9% of respondents said they would believe the leader of the teachers' union in Alberta, 19.4% said they would believe business leaders and 32.3% said they would believe the minister of education.

Across the country, teachers' union leaders did least well in Manitoba (28.8%), where, incidentally, business leaders did the best (33.2%), and the most believable minister of education was in Alberta, with Ontario a distant second.

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Focus on the Family

James C. Dobson, Ph.D., is founder and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Dr. Dobson is married, the father of two grown children, and resides in Colorado.

He was for 14 years an associate clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine, and served for 17 years on the attending staff of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He has also been heavily involved in governmental activities relating to the preservation of the family.

QUESTION: My uncle and aunt were happily married for nine years before a couple of terrible things happened. First, their youngest child drowned in a neighborhood pool, and then my uncle was injured in an automobile accident. Instead of bringing them together, these two events drove them apart. How could they have weathered the storms? How will my fiancee and I stay together through the difficult times in our lives?

DR. DOBSON: Having served on a large medical school faculty for 14 years, I watched many families go through the kind of hardship your relatives suffered. All too commonly, I saw marital relationships succumb to the pressures of personal crises. Parents who produced a mentally retarded child, for example, often blamed each other for the tragedy that confronted them. Instead of clinging together in love and reassurance, they added to their sorrows by attacking each other. I didn't condemn them for this human failing, but I did pity them for it. A basic ingredient was lacking in their relationship, which remained unrecognized until the their world fell off its axis. That missing component is called ... commitment.

I heard the late Dr. Francis Schaeffer speak to this issue some years ago. The noted theologian described the bridges that were built in Europe by the Romans in the first and second centuries A.D. They are still standing today, despite the unreinforced brick and mortar with which they were made. Why haven't they collapsed in this modern era of heavy trucks and equipment? They remain intact because they are used for nothing but foot traffic. If an 18-wheel semi were driven across these historical structures, they would crumble in a great cloud of dust and debris.

Marriages that lack an iron-willed determination to hang together are like the fragile Roman bridges. They appear to be secure and may indeed remain upright -- until they are put under heavy pressure. That's when the seams split and the foundation crumbles. It appears to me that many young couples today are in that precarious position. Their relationships are constructed of unreinforced mud that will not withstand the weighty trials lying ahead. The determination to survive together is simply not there.

It's not only the great tragedies of life but also the daily frustrations that wear and tear on a marriage. When accumulated over time, these minor irritants may be even more threatening to a marriage than the catastrophic events that crash into our lives. And yes, there are times in every good marriage when a husband and wife don't like each other very much. There are occasions when they feel as though they will never be in love again. Emotions are like that. They flatten out occasionally like an automobile tire with a nail in the tread. Riding on the rim is a pretty bumpy experience for everyone on board.

Let's return to your specific question. What will you do when unexpected tornadoes blow through your home or when the doldrums leave your sails sagging and silent? Will you pack it in and go home to Mama? Will you pout and cry and seek ways to strike back? Or will your commitment hold you steady? If you want your marriage to last a lifetime, you must set your jaw and clench your fists. Make up your mind that nothing short of death will ever be permitted to come between the two of you. Nothing!

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WAY OF LIFE RELIGION

When differences vanish

Grant Sikstrom
Senior Pastor
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In my last "Way of Life" article, I told you about our upcoming trip to the Dominican Republic. Many life lessons have been impressed on my heart from our experiences with the Dominican people. Our main focus in this Caribbean island country has been in a poor community, Los Alcarrizos. Approximately 450,000 people live in this city, which covers an area about the size of Red Deer. In the center of this dense population are several wonderful ministries of compassion and social concern, one of which is the Lighthouse School. About 600 students attend this school, giving quality education and training to many children and youth. Our time there has been spent mainly helping with construction of facilities as the school expands. Alongside Dominican friends, we labor together so that more children can benefit by this excellent opportunity.

This last visit, however, held some precious treasures which far exceeded the bricks and mortar. I'd like to tell you about one of those treasures.

Last year we began sponsoring a young girl so that she could attend the school. Our recent visit provided an opportunity to meet Maribel and her family "up close and personal". Let me describe our afternoon visit.

Our missionary interpreter parked her vehicle on a street not far from the school. We proceeded on foot to the end of the road and down into a ravine. "Steps" had been carved into the steep hillside. We proceeded along the path and up the other side past several makeshift homes. At the very end we came to our destination: a one-room metal house, dirt floor, no electricity. There to

greet us were mom, dad, and four of their five children. We stood in front of the house under a canopy of sorts. It appeared that tin cans were being used for open fire cooking. The mom was experiencing major pain because of a toothache. The father worked a very low-paying job. Their home had been destroyed in the recent hurricane. This was a "new one". The children were playful and happy, although the missionary later said that they showed signs of malnutrition. Yet, it was a precious time of sharing gifts, blowing up balloons for a party, taking pictures. Somehow, as we began to share with each other the obvious poverty was not so obvious. We were just people with much in common. Among other things, we brought a picture of our family which they gladly received.

Before we left I wanted to pray with these newfound friends, and so we gathered in a circle and joined hands. With the interpreter's help, I sincerely prayed for God's continued care and provision upon each of them. As I said my "amen", the mother began to pray...for God's continued care and provision on our family. For me, that moment was life-changing.

For the rest of the afternoon I reflected on our precious family time. I realized how often I focus on how people are different than me. Those differences often create barriers, which, if not brought down create separation. In that setting, I saw myself as the one who had come with something to give. They were the receivers,

the needy. I went away from that visit realizing that everyone had given and, truly, all had received. This beautiful family had given a precious treasure to me.

In I Corinthians 13:13, it is written "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." New light was shed on this verse in light of my experience earlier that day. Yes, there are differences in how we look and think, in how much we have and so on. But at the core, we all share the same need for faith, hope and love in our world. Likewise, we all share the same capacity to give these gifts to each other. To the degree we are able to give and receive these three gifts to one another, differences give way to something higher--the God-ordained value

of each and every human being. In a very real way, our need for faith, hope and love raises us up or brings us down, to one level--the level of needing each other. At least, that is what I experienced that afternoon.

I wish I could take you (and I suppose a whole lot of people) to a little tin house in the Dominican Republic, and have you join hands in that circle. Faith, hope and love lie at the center of our human need in our world. These gifts lie within us to give, if we can see past our differences. And, contrary to the TV commercials, we cannot truly live in their absence individually or as a community. I know that since that afternoon, I have prayed much more fervently the prayer of St. Francis, "Lord, make me a channel...."

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Myrna Grimmon

SENIORS G A M E S SLEEPOVER

Do you remember having sleepover parties when you were young? It was a great chance to get to know your school friends, besides the fact that it was just a whole lot of fun.

Myrna Grimmon, says she hopes adults in the community can

remember times like those when they are looking forward to the Alberta Seniors Games this summer. The Games are being jointly hosted by the communities of Olds and Didsbury.

This means thousands of participants will be converging on the two towns. The problem is that there are not nearly enough hotel and motel rooms to house all of the participants. Therefore, the committee responsible for accommodations has sought out another solution. Let's have a sleepover.

The committee is looking for billets to host participants of the Games during the event, and perhaps the day before and after.

"All they need to provide is a bed," says Grimmon. She says anyone willing to billet someone in their home need only provide a hospitable place for the athlete to come and sleep after a long day of participating in one of the many sporting events. Hosts do not need to provide food or transportation, although it would be an added bonus.

"There will be an anticipated 1200 guests from throughout the province that must be cared for, accommodated, fed, transported and entertained," says Grimmon. All the committee asks is that local residents help with accommodating them, they will take care of the rest.

"You just have to be willing to extend to a participant that wonderful Olds/Didsbury hospitality. Truly there is nothing like it. People really go the extra mile here," says Grimmon.

The committee needs to have at least 150 homes available in each community. She says they may not all get used, but it's better to have too many than to have participants stuck with nowhere to stay at all.

"The two communities will be absolutely full," she says. For those who want to take part in the games, but are unable to volunteer on committees, this is a perfect chance to play your role, says Grimmon. Besides, there is good camaraderie, and perhaps even a good friendship that could grow out of meeting someone new.

"It allows you to meet interesting, exciting people from all over our province."

Anyone who chooses to roll out their welcome mat during the event is capitalizing on that opportunity.

Potential hosts can get a copy of the billet application form from the Didsbury or Olds Seniors Games office or can call Grimmon herself and she will deliver it. The Games office can be reached at 335-1999 or in Olds at 556-1999.

The billet application will enable committee members to best match your home with a participant. It outlines exactly what type of room a host has, bathroom accommodations, pets, smoking or non-smoking, and who you would like to have in your home.

Once that is complete, one of the committee members will drop by your home to further chat with you about the experience.

Hosts do not have to live in town, but they may also live on surrounding farms and acreages.

A COMMUNITY IN CONCERT

Music is something that never really leaves the soul, especially if you've played an instrument yourself.

Jeff Wegner, band teacher at Didsbury High School, says he wants to set free the sounds and musical heart of the whole community and is reaching out beyond the walls of DHS.

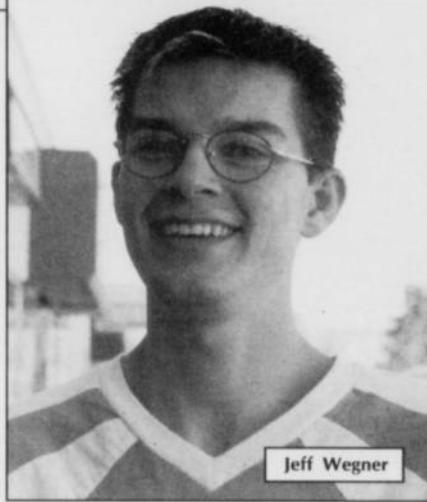
"We would like to put together a community band," he explains.

The Didsbury High School band is performing their final concert on June 1 at 6:30 p.m., and he is hoping that not only will that event showcase the kids' talents, but it might also bring out the talents of local residents who have either been hiding their instrument in some dingy basement corner, or have not performed publicly for some time.

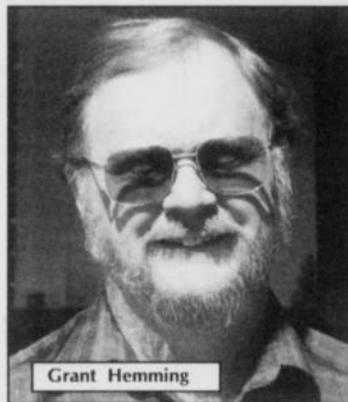
"Anyone who used to play, dig it out or dust it off and pull it out of the attic," says Wegner. He is inviting anyone with musical talent to join with the senior DHS band to play a few pieces as part of the outdoor concert.

He says he is sure there are quite a few locals who play instruments because when digging through the cupboards in the band room this year, he found some costume hats. When he asked around to see if anyone knew who they belonged to, he was told that there once used to be a community band which had members of all ages.

He has set up two nights in the coming month that anyone who thinks they might like to participate can come listen to and practice the scores he has picked out, which are comprised of movie theme songs, TV and show tunes. On May 11 and 25 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. potential participants can come to the school to take part in the rehearsals. Or, Wegner can be contacted for information and advance copies of the music at the school at 335-3356.



Jeff Wegner



Grant Hemming

ONE MAN'S JUNK...

As they say, "One man's junk is another man's treasure." That is the concept behind the Canada Day Garage Sale that will be held at the Curling Club on Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

But, before the Canada committee can hold a garage sale, they need things to sell. Grant Hemming, of the committee says they will take just about anything with a resalable value, and they are starting pick-ups now of your old "treasures." If you have anything to donate you can call Hemming at 335-2390, or Gary Dolha at 335-9633. All the proceeds of the sale go towards the Canada Day celebrations on July 1, the highlight of which is the fireworks display. Hemming says it gets bigger and better each year, as a result of the sales. Last year they raised about \$2500. "There is a lot of stuff that goes through there," he says. The more treasure donated and sold, the better the events. Right now, the committee members have been going around to garage sales and giving out flyers that indicate anything not sold at resident garage sales will be

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College partners to promote swine centre

Along with Alberta Pork and Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Olds College will work towards developing an Alberta Centre for Swine Training.

The three parties say an Alberta Centre for Swine Training will bring together everyone interested in meeting the training and human resource needs of pork producers. It would co-ordinate personnel recruitment and technology transfer while investing in education and training.

"Although the hog market is in turmoil now, swine production is increasing in Alberta," says Rod Reynar, the Dean of Agricultural Production, Business and Animal Sciences at Olds College. "We're coming together to meet the demands of producers to co-ordinate and maximise our

efforts to address the current shortage of trained workers in the industry."

Olds College, which introduces a new Swine Management major in its two-year Agriculture Production diploma program in September, has a long history of training in this area. Last year, through Extension Services, the College partnered with Sunterra, Elite Swine and UniPork as well as Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development, for a successful pilot swine technician training program. The college is also involved in a partnership with UGG through UniPork and Unifeed for the operation of the Swine Centre on campus.

Discussion is still underway to determine the activities of the Centre over the next few months.



Didsbury Aqua Jets recently received \$710 from the Shell Canada Community Service Fund. The funds have been awarded to recognize Dianne Engel, a Shell Canada employee. The funds have been used to purchase a banner and backstroke flagging for the club. "Shell believes that contributions of time, effort and caring to non-profit organizations benefit the entire community" says Kori McNaught, Shell Public Affairs. "We have supported Shell volunteers through the Community Service Fund for over 20 years". In 1997, Shell Canada granted more than \$240,000 to over 200 non-profit organizations across Canada.

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, stronger than ever before

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development has put into effect some organizational changes to better respond to the needs of Alberta's agricultural industries.

The department has always enjoyed a very high level of client satisfaction and surveys of client groups show that Alberta Agriculture is meeting the expectations of industry," says Doug Radke, Deputy Minister of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Edmonton. "Alberta's markets, domestic and export, are not static. Emerging issues, in some cases, have become permanent elements of business that need to be ad-

dressed. Environmental sustainability and food safety being the highest priority issues. The new organizational structure allows the department to assign responsibility for these daily business concerns and clearly define them within the organization.

In the February 1999 Speech from the Throne, commitments were made to address both environmental sustainability and food safety. We have taken this opportunity to organize our operations to closely work within the Alberta Government's mission statements and goals and to also continue to deliver the department's service effectively.

For over a year, the Department of Agriculture has worked to position itself to meet ongoing needs, especially regarding environmental sustainability and food safety. It increased its ability to ensure that research, information delivery and industry management practices respond effectively to the challenges and opportunities in the market place. Alberta Agriculture staff have also worked to improve links between the development, packing and delivery of information for Alberta's agriculture, agri-food and value-added industries.

"Our new structure will ensure that Alberta continues to manage resources effectively,"

says Radke. "We are committed to sound science and sound economics, that has never changed.

"The department still looks much the same. The areas reporting directly to the Deputy Minister, research, administration, communications and internal audit remain constant. There are still three sectors, headed by three Assistant Deputy Ministers (ADM). The only changes being made are within these three sectors of the department. The three sectors are Marketing and Competitiveness, Industry Development and Sustainable Agriculture."

Structurally, the new sector responsibilities are:

Marketing and Competitiveness, Ray Bassett, ADM

- Policy Secretariate: domestic policy; international trade; corporate projects; corporate services; emerging issues

- Markets and Economics: market information; competitive intelligence; economic and market research; production economics and statistics

- Rural Development: agriculture business management; Ag education and community services; 4-H

- Safety Net Systems: program development and evaluation; systems and administration; services; feeder associations

Industry Development, Barry Mehr, ADM

- Animal Industry: research support; aquaculture; beef, dairy and sheep; forages; pork, poultry and horse

- Plant Industry: cereals and oilseeds; horticulture/apiculture; new/special crops; cropping systems; Crop Diversification Centres - North and South

- Processing: investment development; agrifood development; food processing development; Alberta Value-Added Engineering Centre; Food Lab, Brooks;

- Southern, Central, Northern and Peace Regions

- Sustainable Agriculture, Les Lyster, ADM

- Public Lands

- Resource Management and Irrigation: program coordination; irrigation; water quality; soil quality; air quality and climate change

- Food Safety: inspection and trace back systems; laboratories; food quality

- Technical Services: intensive livestock operation (ILO) siring and approvals; animal care; engineering; ILO compliance; livestock expansion and development (LEAD Team); special projects.

"We are confident that this new reorganization and refocus with the clearer responsibilities outlined, will result in even more effective uses of our resources and better service to our clientele," adds Radke.

CWB to open books for Auditor General of Canada

The CWB's Board of Directors has announced that the Auditor General of Canada will conduct an audit of the CWB early next year.

The announcement was made to Alberta farmers last week in Red Deer, where the Board is holding its April Board meeting.

"We're listening to farmers. They've told us they want to see a more open and accountable

organization," said Board member Dave Hilton. "We expect the audit will be very thorough and comprehensive. It will take place early in 2000."

The amended Canadian Wheat Board Act provides for a one-time audit of the CWB's books by the Auditor General. The CWB's financial statements are audited yearly by an international accounting firm (Deloitte and Touche) and are

published in the annual report. The CWB is one of the world's largest wheat and barley marketers. Headquartered in Winnipeg, it is Canada's fifth largest exporter and largest net earner of foreign currency. Marketing Prairie-grown wheat and barley to over 70 countries around the world, the CWB returns all sales revenue, less the costs of marketing, to farmers in Western Canada.

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ACC Calls for Environmental Stewardship Award Nominations

Nominations for the Alberta Cattle Commission (ACC) Environmental Stewardship Award (ESA) are now open.

This is the eighth year for the award, created to publicly recognize cattle producers who are doing an excellent job of maintaining the environment from which they make their living. Alberta cattle producers are committed to ensuring their industry makes a positive contribution to the economy in a way that is compatible with the sustainable use of the land, water and other resources they utilize.

The deadline to submit nominations is July 1. The winner will be announced at the 1999 ACC annual general meeting in

Edmonton, December 7.

"This is one of the best programs we have," according to Ron Glaser, ACC Public Affairs Coordinator. "It's a lot of fun and a good opportunity for the industry. We are able to highlight a deserving producer and use that person as an example to the general public that cattle producers are good stewards of the environment. We have the opportunity to showcase some of their innovative practices and use these as a good example to other producers."

Judges of the award look at five main areas: land management, water quality, wildlife, animal welfare and the nominee's leadership activities in their local community.

Glaser stresses good stewardship of the land assures it is turned over to future generations in as good or better condition.

"We have been able to plug

the environmental stewardship winner into all sorts of public relations programs on behalf of the industry. Programs are directed towards consumers, the education field with tours, and

it provides for various positive media interviews," concludes Glaser.

For nomination forms or more information, call the ACC office at 403-275-4400.

CCIA on the Internet

The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) is now making the latest information on the Canadian cattle industry's national identification program available on-line. The website address is <www.cattle.ca/ccia>. The site features background information on cattle identification in Canada and a frequently asked questions section. The site is frequently updated with the latest news, technology trial results and information about identification programs in other countries. For more information, contact CCIA directly by e-mail at <ccia@cattle.ca>.

CWB signs agreement with China for wheat sales

The CWB and the China National Cereals, Oils and Foodstuffs Import and Export Corporation (COFCO) signed a Memorandum of Agreement on April 15 for Canadian milling wheat sales to China estimated at more than CDN \$100 million.

The Memorandum of Agreement, witnessed by Shi Guangsheng, China's Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, and the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister responsible for the CWB, calls for the milling wheat sale to be negotiated

under normal commercial practices and at market value.

The signing took place during Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji's visit to Canada aimed at increasing trade with and investment in China.

"The CWB has supplied over 110 million tonnes of wheat to China since the early 1960s. The consistent, high quality product we offer continues to ensure western farmers have a preferred share of this important market," said Greg Arason, CWB President and CEO.

China's domestic wheat pro-

duction has been at or near record levels in recent years, resulting in reduced import demand. Sales of Canadian wheat to China in 1997-98 were 1.3 million tonnes and accounted for the majority of China's imports.

"While Chinese wheat import demand has declined from overall levels of about five million tonnes five years ago, the market has become more quality oriented," Arason said. "High quality, high grade wheat is becoming a major part of our exports, bringing up the overall sales revenue."

Banff National Park Planned Prescribed Burns 1999

Parks Canada is planning prescribed burns in four areas of the park during 1999. From May 1 to June 30 burns may occur in the following areas: the lower Red Deer River; upper Panther River and the middle Spray River Valleys. From September 15 until October 30, a burn may be conducted in the upper Cascade River Valley.

For more information on these prescribed burns of the Banff National Park Fire Management Program, please contact Ian Pengelly, Fire Management Specialist at (403) 762-1417 or e-mail: ian_pengelly@pch.gc.ca.



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Olds/ Innisfail Auction Market Reports

Olds Auction Market Report for the week ending April 13, 1999

Cattle 2698 Hogs 124

Butcher Cattle:

C1 Heiferettes 63 to 80; Grain Fed and Exotic 57 to 62
Older Cows 45 to 50; Bologna
Bulls: 67 to 73

Holstein Cows 45 to 55;

Medium Flesh Cows 51 to 60

Replacement Cattle:

250-380 lb steers 125 to 148; heifers 115 to 130

400 lb steers 120 to 147; heifers 112 to 125

500 lb steers 115 to 136; heifers 108 to 122

600 lb steers 110 to 125; heifers 105 to 116

700 lb steers 104 to 114; heifers 96 to 106

800 lb steers 95 to 105; heifers 92 to 100

900 lb steers 89 to 99; heifers 88 to 97

1000 lb steers 84 to 94; heifers 82 to 92

Dairy Barn:

Baby Bull Calves 120 to 300; Larger Bull Calves 325 to 515

Baby Heifer Calves 100 to 275; Larger Heifer Calves 300 to 440

Hog Division:

Weiner Pigs 20 to 32; Small Feeders 34 to 45

Larger Feeders 48 to 65; Sows

and Gilts 75 to 105

Sheep and Goats:

Ewes 75; Feeder Lambs 100
Nannies 80; Billies 110

Feed:

Small Square Hay 1.25 to 3.20;
Straw 0.60 to 1.00
Large Round Hay 24 to 38

Innisfail Auction Market Report for the week ending Wednesday, April 14, 1999

1186 head

Steer Calves:

250-350 lb average 1.30 to 1.50
300-400 lb average 1.25 to 1.48

400-500 lb average 1.30 to 1.45

500-600 lb average 1.20 to 1.35

600-700 lb average 1.12 to 1.24

Heifer Calves:

300-400 lb average 1.20 to 1.40

400-500 lb average 1.16 to 1.24

500-600 lb average 1.18 to 1.23

Yearling Steers:

800-850 lb average 0.98 to 1.05

900-950 lb average 0.95 to 1.00

950-1010 lb average 0.90 to 0.95

Yearling Heifers:

700-800 lb average 0.98 to 1.07

800-900 lb average 0.95 to 1.02

1000-1100 lb average 0.85 to 0.93

Feeder Cows:

0.53 to 0.68

Butcher Cows:

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Exterminating the Y2K bug on the farm

Preparations for the rapidly approaching new millennium go far beyond party hats and streamers.

A complicated and potentially troublesome computer bug is set to surface as the clock strikes 12 and the entire country has to be prepared.

Farmers and rural residents are facing potential problems ranging from the loss of computer records to failing heating, milking and irrigation systems.

The bug itself will occur when computers read 00 in the date slot and interpret that as meaning 1900 instead of 2000. When this happens, they may fail to recognize files with dates after that point.

But this problem extends well beyond losing files from the personal computer.

Embedded computer systems can be found in many places the average person wouldn't think to look.

For farmers, any date-sensitive equipment is at risk. Watering and feeding machines might malfunction or shut down and tractors with onboard computers might not run.

"No one knows exactly what will be affected and to what extent," says Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) Andrew Graham. "That's why being prepared for every possibility is the best way to approach the situation."

Graham heads up AAFC's task force on Y2K. The team is working to raise awareness of the problem in the agriculture and agri-food sector and helping farmers and agri-businesses get the information they need to navigate through this potential predicament.

To be prepared farmers should take a thorough inventory of all equipment to determine what is computerized or may contain embedded sys-

tems. All computerized equipment should be tested to ensure it will function properly when the date turns over. It is also a good idea to have experts check out heating, cooling and ventilation systems, as well as thermostats and irrigation, milking and feeding equipment.

"There is no quick fix solution," says Graham. "Each line of computer code has to be searched, fixed and tested manually and embedded chips have to be located and individually tested. This could be an expensive process, but going through it now would be cheaper than facing the consequences of not being prepared."

Farmers can take advantage of several Government of Canada initiatives to help them get through the process.

Under the Student Connection Program, almost 700 post-secondary student advisors are giving one-day reviews to

small and medium sized businesses to identify Y2K problems. For \$195, the business gets a customised assessment of up to 10 computers, including an inventory of all hardware and software used, a diagnostic testing of systems and a prepared action plan.

For additional info on Government of Canada programs, call 1-800-270-8220 or visit the following web-site: <http://www.can2k.com>

To help with the obvious financial burdens of Y2K preparation, the Business Development Bank of Canada has created a \$50 million Year 2000 Ready loan program which gives businesses specially designed term loans with flexible repayment options.

Some preparation costs can also be written off as tax deductions. A new tax relief initiative allows businesses deductions of up to \$50,000 for computer hardware and soft-

ware that had to be replaced because of the Y2K bug.

"There are a lot of avenues open for farmers and agri-businesses," says Graham. "The important thing right now is that word gets out and the small and medium-sized businesses find the information they need to start their preparations."

How to check your home computer The simplest test to see if your PC's clock and BIOS work properly when the date changes to Jan. 1, 2000:

- Close all applications before testing
- Set the system's date to 31/12/1999
- Set the system's time to 23:58:00
- Switch the PC off
- Wait for your fake "midnight" to pass
- Switch the PC back on
- Check that the date is now 01/01/2000

Bison Conference comes to Olds

Alberta's still new bison industry continues to attract farmers, entrepreneurs, and investors in rapidly growing numbers. The "Bison Advantage '99" Convention and Trade Fair offers new and established producers a chance to expand their knowledge, networks, and herd numbers, all in one central setting. The Alberta Bison Association is hosting the event.

The Bison Advantage '99, slated for June 4 - 6 1999 pt. the Olds (Alta.) Sports Complex, offers knowledge in the form of trade industry seminars and the three-day Trade Fair of industry products and

services. This year, speakers will cover topics such as care, management, and marketing of bison, financing the bison operation, and selection and evaluation of bison.

The convention highlights include a short course for new and prospective bison producers on Friday afternoon, June 4. The Alberta Bison Association annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, June 5.

A Saturday social evening and banquet with entertainment will give producers and visitors a chance to make new friends and develop industry

connections. The bison business features an attractive blend of newcomers, established producers, outside observers, and investors -- all committed to the growth and profitability of this relatively new agricultural enterprise.

The Saturday banquet will also feature a live and silent fund-raiser auction.

The public is invited visit with the producers of this increasingly popular livestock business. Registration fees are reasonable and the Saturday lunch will offer barbecued "Bison-on-a-Bun."

vantage '99 concludes with bison ranch tours.

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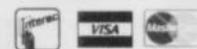
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Agri-food exports on target says ag department

Canadian agri-food exports stayed on course last year through stormy overseas markets in Asia, Latin America and Russia.

Preliminary data recently released by Statistics Canada shows agri-food exports topped the \$20-billion mark for the third consecutive year, coming in at \$20.9 billion.

"The numbers are very encouraging," says Jim de Graaf of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Market and Industry Services Branch. "Industry has set very definite goals that the Government of Canada is committed to helping them reach. It's encouraging to see the sector generally hold steady and stay on course to reach its goals in a year when world export markets were anything but solid."

The preliminary total for agri-food exports is down slightly from the record level reached last year, however, the final figures are expected to be about the same.

Industry is especially encouraged by the fact that exports of processed foods, a priority growth area, increased by nearly nine per cent to hit \$10.6 billion.

The Canadian Agri-food Marketing Council (CAGMC), an industry organization that sets export targets and advises the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food on trade related matters, has identified processed products as a way to increase world market share and help create jobs.

CAGMC's goal is for the Canadian agri-food sector to increase the proportion of processed food exports from 40 to 60 per cent by 2005.

Inroads are being made toward this goal. Processed food exports to the U.S., Canada's biggest trading partner, increased significantly in 1998.

CAGMC executive director Myles Frosst says this is good news for consumers, investors, farmers and processors.

"By increasing processed product exports, industry hopes to create more than 400,000 new jobs in rural and urban Canada and create an additional \$20.3 billion in the GDP by 2005," he said.

CAGMC's main goal is for Canada to win a greater share of growth by attaining a four per cent share of world agri-food export markets by 2005. It sees the 1998 numbers as an indicator the sector is well on the way to making this happen.

"The numbers confirm the industry vision is not only achievable but is being achieved right now, notwithstanding the economic problems of some Asian markets, Latin America and Russia. This is a true affirmation of the strength

and diversity of the industry," said Frosst.

Export sales were up 16 per cent in the Atlantic provinces with PEI's export figures rising 42 per cent to hit \$277 million.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia also enjoyed growth in exports in 1998. Newfoundland suffered a drop from 1997, but its totals remained higher than they were in 1996 and 1995.

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Latin America and Russia jumping to \$179 million from \$107 million. Table potatoe exports went from \$42 million to \$60 million in PEI and \$17 million to \$29 million in New Brunswick.

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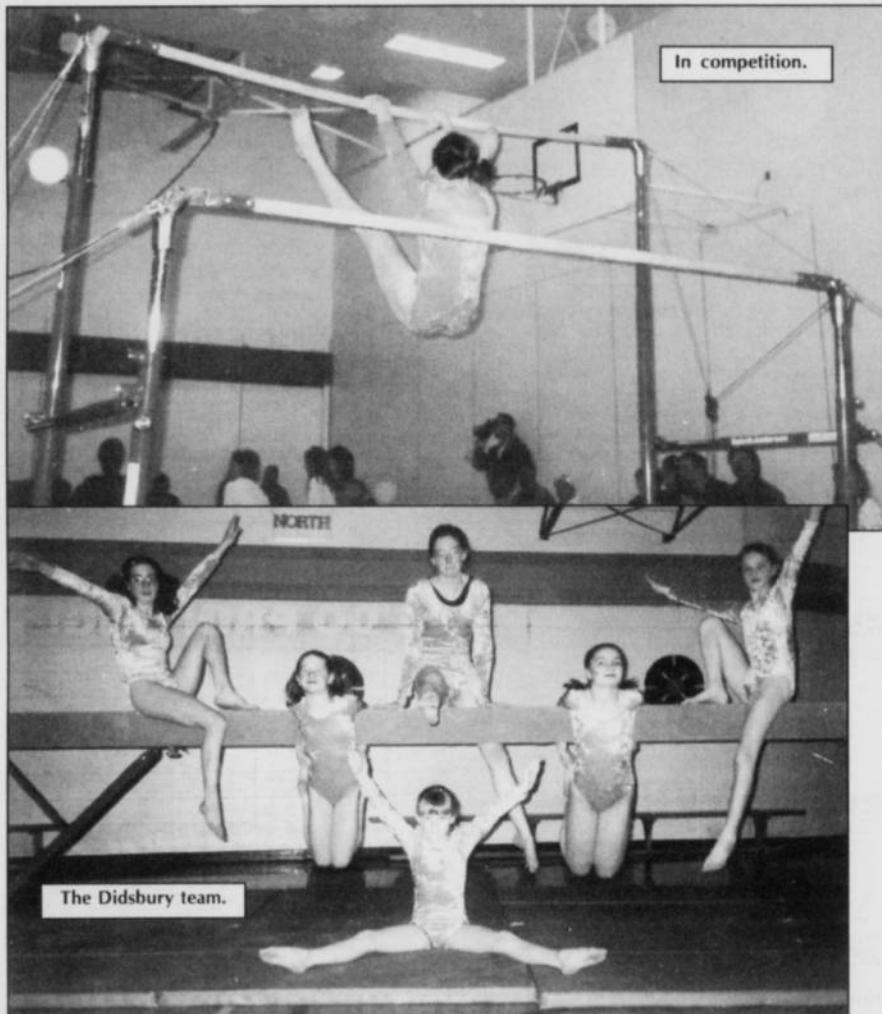
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OVERTIME

By Robert Magee

Seven months and 1,066 games ago, the N.H.L. was gearing up for the 1998-99 regular season. Wayne Gretzky was going strong. The expansion Nashville Predators were awaiting their first ever game, Ed Whalen had just said "Hello hockey fans," for the several hundredth time, and Theoren Fleury led his under rated Flames to the ice on the season-opener for what would probably be the last time in the red and white.

Now the great one has ended his hockey career, the Predators did not finish last as expected. Whalen has bid farewell to all his viewers, Fleury will

now lead the Colorado Avalanche to the post-season, and Mike Keenan was fired... again.

The Ottawa Senators, Toronto Maple Leafs and Edmonton Oilers have qualified for the playoffs, leaving the Calgary Flames, Montreal Canadiens and Vancouver Canucks to contemplate what went wrong.

For the Flames, many target the departure of Fleury as the turning-point. Others thought from the beginning they didn't have a chance, but they did. They lost two back-to-back games to the Oilers, a team whom they were ahead of in the standings. The Montreal Canadiens, with the exception of Mark Recchi, since de-

parted, could not score to save their life. And the woeful Canucks couldn't decide upon a starting goalie, a coach, a first line or what to do with superstar holdout Pavel Bure. They were done by Christmas. However, for their troubles they will receive the second round draft pick in the 1999 Entry draft.

The post season starts on Wed. where you will see the Senators host the Pittsburgh Penguins, and the Oilers take on the Dallas Stars. Thursday night features the Toronto Maple Leafs against the Philadelphia Flyers.

Join CBC's Ron Maclean and Don Cherry for all the latest news and highlights.

"Mom, I sure was nervous, but it was fun!" was the comment of one of our pre-competitors at the Hanna Fun Meet. The meet, held March 20, involved both competitive and pre-competitive gymnasts. It was also an opportunity for the pre-competitors to get the feel of what competitive gymnastics will be like for them next year.

Results were as follows:

Pre-competitive:

Kristin Kurtz - bars, 4th; beam, 3rd; vault, 3rd; floor, 2nd.

Laura Kary - bars, 4th; beam, 3rd; vault, 2nd; floor, 3rd.

Dayle Kimmel - bars, 3rd; beam, 1st; vault, 1st; floor, 3rd.

Paige Hopkins - bars, 4th; beam, 3rd; vault, 1st; floor, 3rd.

Cajsa Johnsson - bars, 3rd; beam, 4th; vault, 1st; floor, 3rd.

Marissa Pratt - bars, 3rd; beam, 3rd; vault, 3rd; floor, 3rd.

Competitive Pre-Argo (Class 1A):

Kelsey Donovan - bars, 2nd; beam, 4th; vault, 4th; floor, 3rd.

Argo (Class 1A):

Chloe Kary - bars, 2nd; beam, 4th; vault, 2nd; floor, 3rd.

Liesbeth vanBesouw - bars, 4th; beam, 4th; vault, 4th; floor, 3rd.

Breanne Pratt - bars, 3rd; beam, 4th; vault, 3rd; floor, 2nd.

Corinne McKetiak - bars, 2nd; beam, 2nd; vault, 3rd; floor, 3rd.

Tyro (Class 1A):

Christina vanBesouw - bars, 3rd; beam, 4th; vault, 3rd; floor, 2nd.

Gymnastics has now wound up for the season after an enjoyable year full of fun, friends, great exercise and new skills.

On March 27, Olds hosted a meet inviting clubs from Three Hills, Hanna, Rimley, Airdrie, Strathmore, ASGA (Cochrane), Mecca Glen (Ponoka), and Didsbury. The girls have been working hard with medallion and ribbons to show for their fine efforts. Results are as follows:

Pre-Argo (under 10):

Kelsey Donovan - bars, 10th; beam, 7th; vault, tied for 7th; floor, 6th; allround, 6th.

Argo A (under 12):

Corrine McKetiak - bars, 7th; beam, 9th; vault, 10th; floor, 16th; allround, 9th.

Chloe Kary - bars, tied for 2nd; beam, 13th; vault, 9th; floor, 14th; allround, 7th.

Breanne Pratt - bars, 10th; beam, 15th; vault, 13th; floor, 10th; allround, 14th.

Liesbeth vanBesouw - bars, 15th; beam, 11th; vault, 14th; floor, 14th; allround, 16th.

Tyro A (under 14):

Christina vanBesouw - bars, 7th; beam, 9th; vault, 3rd; floor, 4th; allround, 11th.

Watch for registration dates for the 99/00 season in September.

If you have any questions or concerns you can call head coach Lenore Fox at (403) 948-0941 (Airdrie) or Sue Kary at 335-9509.

Pool Splashings

Has spring sprung? It's hard to say for sure, but all of us at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre have spring fever and are anxious to share it with everyone. We have a line up of great programs and activities planned this season and hope all of you will take advantage of what we have to offer.

The KM Klub put out a challenge to all lap swimmers to swim 1150 laps, to make their way to Mazatlan Mexico. The deadline for the challenge is April 30. We already have several participants that have accomplished their goal and more. Prizes for participants will be announced at the end of the challenge. Keep up the great job everyone.

Our next session of after school lessons and morning beach tot classes begins April 27. There is some space still available so give us a call at 335-7369.

Hey kids!! Bored on those Fridays off from school? Come join us for a dip and a slide 1:30-5pm, Friday, April 23, May 7, May 21, June 11.

Noon lap swim will be shortened (Fridays only) April 16 - June 11, 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your co-operation and understanding.

Mother's Day will soon be here and at the Aquatic Centre we think moms are pretty special. Bring your special mom to the Aquatic Centre on May 9 and she will receive a free two for one Aquacize pass.

Swim passes and Aquacize passes make great gift ideas for that woman who is interested in getting fit or just enjoying a relaxing dip in our hot tub or a quiet breather in the steam room. It's a gift she'll really enjoy and appreciate for a long time.

Happy Spring everyone and we hope to see you soon at the Aquatic Centre.

Keep a lid on it

So that's it for the season. It's time to pack up the skates, the protective equipment, the hockey puck and toss the whole lot in a dark corner of the basement until next year.

But wait. Before you zip up the hockey bag one last time, Heads Up for H.I.T.S. encourages you to take a closer look at your helmet. How has it weathered the season? Are there any cracks in the outer shell? Did that hit you took just after Christmas that creamed you into the boards (and had you wondering what Eric Lindros was doing playing against you when he was obviously not allowed in your age group) cause the inner foam to weaken? Are there a few screws lose (in your helmet, that is) or rusted? Does it move around a little on your head? Have the straps lost their snap or become frayed? If you an-

swered yes to any of these questions, perhaps it's time to consider purchasing a new lid.

Though a new, properly fitting helmet is no sure-fire method of preventing a concussion, it can definitely help reduce the chance of injury. Athletes spend hundreds of dollars regularly replacing their skates, but cringe at the thought of dishing out a few more dollars to keep their brain in tact. Why is that? It's not like we've ever heard of anyone being forced to retire from a cramped baby toe, have we? Despite these unexplained tendencies, there are hundreds of concussions occurring each year. Athletes from the minor ranks right up to the pros are faced with the decision of whether returning to the ice and subjecting themselves to the risk of one more hit to the head (and the permanent

brain damage that may occur) is worth it.

If you decide to replace your helmet and plan to take advantage of year end clearance sales, we suggest you give the Heads Up program a call. We can help you ask the right questions and consider all the important points to ensure the helmet you select is the right one for you. Contact one of the following founding partners for the program or visit your local Source for Sports dealer for more information: Hockey Alberta, Red Deer (403) 342-6677; Ringette Alberta, Edmonton (780) 415-1750; Sport Medicine Council of Alberta, Edmonton (780) 415-0812.

Heads Up for H.I.T.S. looks forward to seeing hockey and ringette players again in the fall as the program is officially incorporated into the 1999/2000 season.

Green tips: Consumption

Fact: In June, 1997, American consumption of gasoline was the highest ever for the month, up 30 billion gallons per day or 15% from 1992. May was also a record.

Tip: Drive efficiently. Don't tailgate. Avoid jackrabbit starts and slow

down gently. Save the quick starts and quick braking for emergencies. Car pool, if possible.

Fact: In the U.S., they use 338 billion gallons of fresh water per day.

Tip: Wash your hands in cold water. While waiting for hot water, you will waste anywhere from a pint to a gallon or more of water. Additionally, the pipes from your water heater will

fill with hot water that will cool before your next use.

Fact: Each year the average American home electricity use results in 4.5 tons of carbon dioxide spewed into the atmosphere.

Tip: Defrost your food in the refrigerator. This will help cool your refrigerator and allow you to avoid using the oven or stove to thaw the food.

Cowboy school

By Frank Pavlick

A cowboy's day at school can be, A little less than nice, Especially in rodeo where he gets free advice. Imagine climbing on some bull, With two volcano eyes, Whose lesson for the day is titled, "How a Cowboy Flies!" Or, guaranteed, they let some buckin', Bronco free and clear, A Cowboy may learn very fast... what am I doin' here! Hung up, stomped on, get no respect, Hello, dust, dirt and mud, A Cowboy's day at school is grated...Yahoo! Ow! and Thud! And though some think a Cowboy isn't Thinking very smart, To give four feet of wild a chance to tear him all apart, Yet it's that very chance that makes, A Cowboy go to school, For at the rodeo they know the ALWAYS Golden Rule. That by each single chance they take, Upon a bull or horse, Cowboys can learn to ride, and thereby, pass the course.

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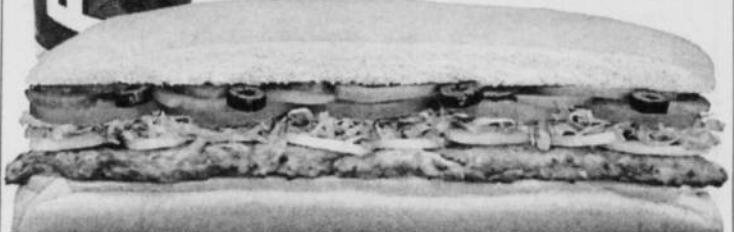
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BIRTHS

JOANNE AND NOEL Wygiera are pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, a daughter, Hannah Jennie, 7 lbs., 12 oz., on April 11, 1999 in Lethbridge.

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OBITUARIES

BOYD: At Lambton Meadowview Villa, Petrolia, on Saturday, April 10, 1999, Eva (Ev) Boyd (nee Hart), 88 years, formerly of the Lambtonian Apartments, Petrolia, passed away. Beloved wife of the late William Boyd (1990). Dear mother of the late William (Bill) (1997) and Grace Boyd of Point Edward, and the late George (1957), Geraldine and Tom Haggarty of Port Huron, Robert and the late Joyce (1996) Boyd of Alvinston, Clayton and Marlene Boyd of Point Edward, J. Beverly and Carol Boyd of Petrolia, Gran Boyd and his friend Carol of Sarnia, Joyce and Hank Vanderzwart of Petrolia and Peggy Weaver of Didsbury, Alberta. Dear sister of Leota Pickering of Sarnia and the late Leeland (1990) and Ruby Hart of Sarnia. Also survived by 29 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. A service to celebrate the life of Ev Boyd was held at St. Paul's United Church, Petrolia on April 13 at 11 a.m. Rev. Blair Corcoran officiated. Following a reception at the church hall, interment was held at the Resurrection Cemetery. Besides being an exceptional wife, mother and grandmother, Ev was a member of St. Paul's United Church, the Britannia Chapter #34 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and member and Past Worthy President of the Universal Craftsman Council of Engineers (Halifax chapter). As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations to Lambton Meadowview Villa or the CEE Hospital Foundation may be arranged by calling the Needham-Jay Funeral Home, Petrolia at 519-882-0100. 52-1t

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OUR SINCERE thanks to relatives, friends, neighbors, organizations and businesses for their generous support, prayers, flowers, cards, visits, phone calls, hugs and food brought to the house. Special thanks to Rev. Malcolm Profit for officiating at the service and for his kind help and support. A special thank you to all the young hockey players for their friendship and caring in the loss of our beloved grandson, Michael. Sincerely, Sandy and Elsie Brander.

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A SINCEREST "Thank You" is sent to all friends, neighbors and business associates for the expressions of sympathy conveyed to us at the time of our precious loss of Shellene Dawne McMillan (Mailer). We are indeed very grateful for all of the support we have received. Sincerely, Allen McMillan and family, Dave and Shirley Mailer, Dave Jr., Connie, George and Glenda, Darren, Lewis Klinck.

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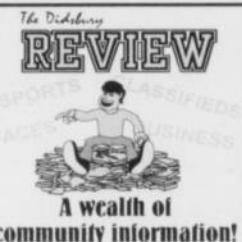
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New this year, organizers have increased the number of tours during peak viewing times to give visitors a better chance to see the thousands of birds in an active state.

Festival-goers can expect to see other migratory species such as waterfowl, swans, cranes and various shorebirds and songbirds. Wildlife such as foxes, owls, hawks, coyotes, deer and moose may also make an appearance.

"Beaverhill Lake is a special place to visit," says Gerry

Rural infrastructure needs a boost

Alberta Liberal Leader Nancy MacBeth asked the following questions in the Alberta Legislature Wednesday, March 31. (Excerpt taken from Alberta Hansard March 31, 1999).

MacBETH: Mr. Speaker, when is the government going to meet the long-term care needs of rural Albertans living in towns and villages rather than shipping them miles away from family, from friends, and from places of worship?

KLEIN: Well, Mr. Speaker, I can tell you for sure that was an issue that was never addressed by the hon. Leader of the Liberal Opposition when she was Minister of Health, but I'll tell you this Minister of Health is doing a lot relative to seniors in conjunction with other ministries that also have responsibilities for seniors and I will have the hon. Minister of Health respond, followed by the hon. Minister of Community Development, followed by the hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs.

JONSON: Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition may recall that in our overall budget and business plan which has been discussed in committee, we have put an emphasis on long-term care starting with identified dollars to expand the long-term care capacity in Edmonton and Calgary specifically and that will of course respond to the needs of our senior population but also help with the opening up of more acute care beds as being available for other necessary treatments. In addition to that we have the long-term care review committee conducting its work and looking at not only the overall need out there for long-term care accommodation but also some very creative and innovative ways of providing that particular long-term care expansion. In addition to that as we have capital dollars available long-term care will be

certainly given priority.

MacBETH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and when is the government going to ensure safety of our rural communities by restoring the \$16 million in funding that it cut away from policing?

HAVELOCK: Mr. Speaker, we used to, it's true, fund all police forces in the province to the tune of \$30 million. That funding was decreased \$15 million a number of years ago, I think it was in 1993, to fight the deficit as the Premier indicates. That total reduction in the police services budget was actually spread over time and I think it equated to about a 3 to 4 percent decrease in funding. One thing I will indicate, Mr. Speaker, is that for the past number of years for the ... I'm trying to get to the point if the other side would just be quiet for a moment. What we have done in the past number of years is actually maintain the level of funding with respect to the provincial police force. We retain the services of the RCMP to provide communities with policing services. The hon. member across the way, the leader of the opposition is probably well aware that all communities with less than 2,500 residents do not pay anything towards their policing costs. Other communities that have more residents of course do pay. The other thing that we do, quite frankly, which provides a significant amount of support to communities is that all provincial fine revenues actually accrue to the communities which generate them. We handle all the costs associated with actually processing those fines. In fact, this morning I saw some of the numbers, and it's approximately \$44 to \$45 million dollars that stays within the communities on top of the \$15 million that we give them at this point in time.

biologists and naturalists. Festival events in Tofield include a wildlife trade show, art show and sale, kid's enviro-education centre, art classes, pancake breakfast and much more.

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ADD YOUR VOICE!

Hearthstone Child and Family Services Authority Board is seeking interested community members to sit on a Community Council for your area. The Community Council will meet quarterly to provide input and feedback to the Authority.

The Authority is responsible for the planning and delivery of child and family services throughout Region 5. Interested community members please forward a letter prior to May 7, 1999, outlining your background, to Hearthstone CFSA, Box 484, Three Hills AB T0M 2A0

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Correction

The Community Bus meeting is not May 5 as written before. The proper date is Wed. June 2 at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse at 7 p.m.

Bridal Shower

Bridal shower for Jaimee Laslo and Greg Reese May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Potluck lunch.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIDSURY

Knox United Church Women Spring Tea May 1 from 2-4 p.m. Sale of baking, plants and collectables. All welcome.

National Volunteer Week at the Toy Library. Coffee and donuts provided for the members and volunteers on April 20 and April 24 from 10-11:30 a.m.

"Feeding Your Child in the First Year" will be held May 3 from 7-9 p.m. at Didsbury District Health Services. To register call 335-9393.

April 22, the Didsbury Guiding groups will be holding the annual cookie drive from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Your support will be appreciated.

FALLEN TIMBER

Crib Tournament

Crib tournament at Fallen Timber Comm. Hall on April 24. Reg. at 9:30 a.m. Games at 10 a.m. For more info call 335-4197.

Ham Supper, Fallen Timber Community Hall, April 25, 3 - 7 p.m.

WATER VALLEY

Annual Art Show

Chinook Creative Arts Foundation will host their annual art show April 24 at the Old Water Valley School from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 637-2586 for more information.

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DIDSURY YOUTH CLUB

Drop in gym time Sundays at DHS gym, 12-3 p.m. Grades 5-12, all indoor sports. Contact Doug Wilson 335-4697

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Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7-8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. Every Monday (except holidays) 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-9928.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

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